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JAPANESE CHARGE INTO HSUCHOW WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OCCUPIED

Chinese Authorities Still Confident Of Averting Menace

Shanghai, May 19, 9.13 a.m.

Japanese infantry charged and occupied the western outskirts of Hsuehchow, the strategic junction of the Tientsin-Pukow (Nanking) and Lunghai Railways, to-day.

Occupation was effected at 8 o'clock this morning.—*Domei*.

CONFIDENCE UNSHAKEN

Hankow, May 18.

In contrast to the atmosphere of pessimism and uncertainty which has prevailed during the past few days in Chinese circles here regarding the situation in the Hsuehchow area, distinct signs of confidence and optimism were seen yesterday.

This change is largely due to reports that Japanese raids on the Lunghai Railway are not as serious as was at first believed.

Japanese detachments which cut the Lunghai Railway at many points west of Hsuehchow are said to have been composed of only a small number of men. They were not followed up by large forces and are reported to have been quickly repulsed by the Chinese troops guarding the railway line.

A Japanese detachment which appeared at Pawanshan, seven miles south-west of Hsuehchow, comprised less than 200 men, the communiqué states.

Regarding reports that Japanese guns were shelling the city walls at Hsuehchow and also that the Chinese were dynamiting the Yellow River dykes, Chinese circles pointed out yesterday that Hsuehchow has no walls, and the old bed of the Yellow River was bone dry.

It has been reliably learned in Hankow that a large force of Chinese troops is at present keeping the Lunghai Railway west of Hsuehchow clear of Japanese troops, while strong columns have been sent to attack the Japanese at Yungchen.—*Reuter*.

Chinese Charges

Hankow, May 18.

A Chinese military communiqué received here yesterday charged that "Japanese troops used Chinese flags, and Japanese had Chinese emblems painted on their wings."

The communiqué declares that "Japanese detachments which advanced from Yutai towards Shansien used Chinese flags in order to make a surprise attack on the Chinese (Continued on Page 5.)"

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS MAY REACH SHANGHAI

Proposals Under Consideration

London, May 18.

A proposal to encourage the establishment of a British air service to encircle the South China Sea, and to extend the England-Hongkong service to Shanghai, was made at question time in the House of Commons to-night.

Capt. Harold Balfour, the new Under Secretary of State for Air, promised that both these projects would be considered in connection with the planning of British air service overseas.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE ACTIONS AGGRAVATE BRITAIN

Compensation For H. F. Wilkinson May Be Demanded

London, May 18.

Replying to Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher, R.N. (Retired) in the House of Commons to-night, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, described the arrest and bayoneting of the British nationalist and writer, Mr. H. F. Wilkinson, in Shanghai Hungjiao area on May 13. He told of the treatment accorded the Briton before he was released with apologies.

The British authorities in Shanghai, he said, immediately took up the matter when they heard of Mr. Wilkinson's arrest and strongly protested to the Japanese.

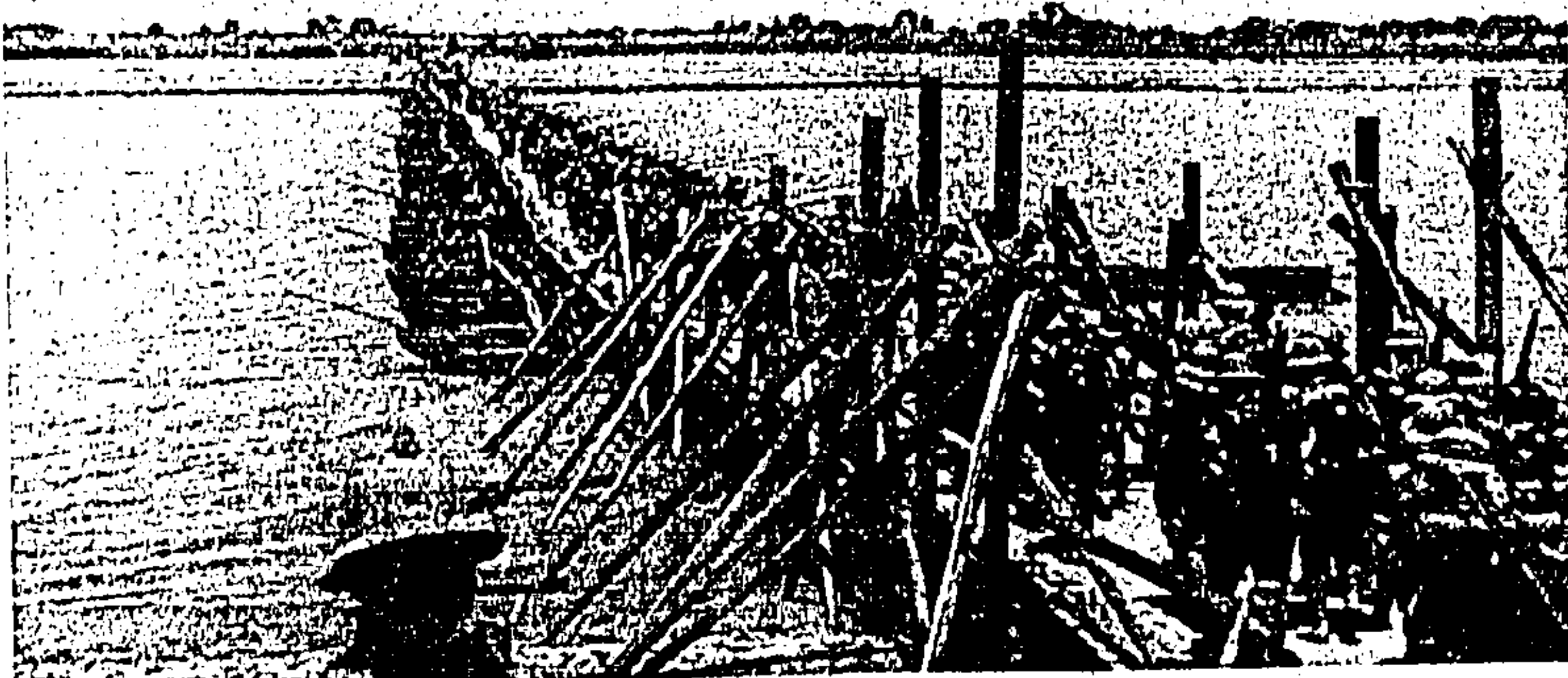
Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador in Tokyo, had been instructed to take up the matter with the Japanese Government.

Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher asked if it were not the case that the whole of Mr. Wilkinson's record—and he was for some time in Japan—showed he was incapable of committing any offence or engaging in activities affecting the Japanese. And would the British Government not do more than protest and demand the proper apology and compensation in this case?

Mr. Butler answered: "I entirely support all the observations made by the Honourable Member."

In answer to Mr. Wardlaw Milne, Mr. Butler said the position is that the Japanese Government has not formally and specifically acknowledged responsibility for damage caused to British property in China owing to the military operation. Consequently, it had not been possible hitherto to set up machinery for the assessment and liquidation of claims.—*Reuter*.

Franco-Italian Tension Thrives on Rumour



A pontoon bridge hastily constructed by Japanese Army engineers across the Hwai River in Anhwei Province enabled infantry to make a surprise attack on the southern Tientsin-Pukow front, south of Hsuehchow.—*Press Union Photo*.

Extermination Of Palestine Rebels Sought

Jerusalem, May 19.

It is understood a scheme to secure the complete extermination of defiant rebel gangs in Palestine will be announced. It calls for stronger British military control in certain areas in Central and Northern Palestine.—*Reuter*.

£25,000,000 LAND DEAL IN WALES

Marquis Of Bute Sells Vast Holdings

London, May 18.

Lord Robert Crichton-Stuart is en route to the United States, allegedly for the purpose of investing the greater share of a sum, reputed to be somewhere in the vicinity of £25,000,000, realised from a sale of the vast holdings of his father, the Marquis of Bute.

The Marquis of Bute is one of the biggest land-holders in the United Kingdom, his property, principally in Scotland and Wales, totalling about 117,000 acres. The transaction involved in the sale this week of the major portion of this property is probably the largest real estate deal in the history of Britain.

The property involved is in Wales, and includes almost half of the city of Cardiff, which has a population of 223,589 and a rateable value of £1,851,003. Included in the deal is the vast Castle of Cardiff, and the lands on which are constructed the great Barry Docks.

Twenty thousand homes in and around Cardiff, 1,000 shops, 250 hotels and several theatres and cinema houses are included in the deal. In addition, the Marquis has sold large neighbouring agricultural areas, a portion of the town of Penarth, and a number of neighbouring villages.

The famous Cardiff Castle is one of the principal buildings involved in the transaction. It was built in the 11th century. Cardiff, which is at the mouth of the river Taff, Rummy and Ely, is the port of the South Wales coalfields. It has a municipal area of 223,048 acres.

The Bute estates are chiefly in Scotland and Wales, although extensive property is owned in England, Spain, Morocco, and elsewhere. The most important possession is the beautiful Scottish island of Bute. The Marquis possesses Spanish art treasures of fabulous wealth, which, before the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, were stored in his Castle of Guadacorte, at San Roque, near Gibraltar. Soon after the civil war commenced, the Marquis removed the treasures to Cardiff Castle.—*United Press*.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF H.K. SUGGESTS REALM FOR NEGUS

Church Disagree When Italo-British Pact Discussed by Peers

London, May 18.

The suggestion of a former Governor of Hongkong, Lord Lugard, that Signor Benito Mussolini conceivably might be induced to offer Emperor Haile Selassie some limited area in Abyssinia, with internal autonomy under Italian suzerainty, was commended by the Archbishop of Canterbury during the debate on Foreign Affairs in the House of Lords to-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said it was conceivable that the proposal might be advantageous and not unwelcome to Signor Mussolini himself, providing a condition of such an offer was that the ex-Emperor would forego his royal title, and would do his utmost to restrain organised fighting under recognised chiefs.

Earlier the Archbishop said that nobody viewed with deeper repugnance the Italian invasion of Abyssinia than himself, but no good purpose would be served by recriminations and lamentations. There was much in the agreement between Britain and Italy that many people disliked, but it was at least a step towards the lessening of fear, an increase in confidence in Europe, and a belief in the possibility of peace. "I have never made a speech in this House with more distaste, but I believe it is a sacrifice of principles to expediency," he said. "I am not conscious of having made any bargain between my conscience and Mephistopheles."—*Reuter*.

Bishop Of Durham Disagrees

The session was unusually prolonged. Following the speech by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Durham strongly denounced the recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia.

Lord Halifax, in his reply, said that the fact that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Durham took fundamentally different views on the morality of the question showed the difficulty of discovering an objective of truth.

With regard to the proposal to establish Emperor Haile Selassie in Ethiopia as an Italian puppet, Lord Halifax said that while there was no objection as far as the British Government was concerned.—*(Continued on Page 5.)*

Presence Of Big Fleet Confirmed

Japanese Craft Off Macao Coast

Hankow, May 19.

The concentration of Japanese warships and military transports off the coast of Macao is confirmed by reports received here to-day.

According to the reports, 12 enemy war vessels and seven transports are anchored at a point southwest of the Portuguese Colony.

More Japanese marines, it is stated, have landed at Sanchao Island off the Chungshan coast.—*Central News*.

CHANGCHOW HEAVILY BOMBED

Swatow, May 19.

Twelve Japanese planes raided Changchow, west of Amoy on the mainland, yesterday, killing a number of civilians and demolishing scores of houses. They rained 32 high explosive bombs on all parts of the city.

Sliping and Taipei, north of Changchow, in east Kwangtung were also visited by the Japanese raiders.—*Central News*.

ITALIANS SUSPECT FRENCH CONTINUE TO AID LOYALISTS

Lord Perth Apparently Trying to Make Peace

Rome, May 18.

Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, had a meeting with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister to-day, which authoritative quarters describe as a routine affair, but which is believed to be connected with the Italo-French tension.

This strained state between the two powers has arisen, it is stated, owing to the Italian belief that France is supplying large quantities of arms and munitions to the Barcelona Government.

It is argued in Italy that if this is the case it will help to prolong the Spanish war, while Italy's hands are tied through the agreement with Great Britain.

No meeting has yet occurred between Count Ciano and M. Blondel, the French emissary.

Meanwhile, the Italian press published a strong attack against France and reports that quantities of men and arms and aeroplanes are passing over the frontier into Spain from France, to fight for the Spanish Loyalists.—*Reuter*.

Italian Suspicion

Paris, May 18.

Reports are understood to be current in Italy to the effect that M. Georges Bonnet, French Minister, gave Signor Del Vayo, the Spanish Government's delegate to Geneva, assurances that the Franco-Spanish frontier would not be closed to the passage of arms into Spain.

This allegation is denied here. It is described as just another rumour circulated in order to create difficulties for the Franco-Italian negotiations.

According to well-informed quarters the talks have not been broken off and the question of the French-Spanish frontier has never been discussed in the Rome conversations between M. Blondel and Count Ciano.—*Reuter*.

Mexico To Close Her Legation

London, May 19.

As a result of the breaking off of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Mexico, it is announced that the Mexican Legation in London will now be closed.

The Minister has left London for Paris, and the archives of the Legation will remain in charge of the Mexican Consul-General.—*Reuter*.

FRENCH COLONIAL DEFENCE

BIG RECRUITMENT ENVISAGED

Paris, May 18.

The French Government is seeking a large increase in the number of troops in its Colonies. It is reported that M. Georges Mandel, the new Minister for Colonies, has asked the Governor of French Indo-China to seek the enlistment of an additional 20,000 men. The Governors of French West Africa and Equatorial Africa have been requested to enlist a further 50,000 men.

The report states that the main object is to ask the Colonies for a bigger effort towards National Defence.

The French Cabinet has approved several new appointments to the high command of the Colonial forces as part of the plan to bring the Colonies into the general scheme of National Defence.

Special measures are being taken to equip the French colonial empire with means of defence apart from mere man power, and also for more intimate relations between French West Africa, Morocco and Algeria, particularly from the viewpoint of communications.—*Reuter Special*.

CONFIDENCE IN SPAAN

Brussels, May 18.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the new Spanish Government.—*Reuter*.

STOP PRESS

200 Casualties In Canton-Hankow Crash

Canton, May 19.

A tragic train collision on the Canton-Hankow Railway on the night of May 10, in which more than 200 persons, including passengers and railway staff, were killed and injured, is revealed.

The collision occurred at Mlokang, a station about 73 kilometres north of Changsha, between a southbound train from Wuchang and a northbound freight train from Canton.

The railway authorities have not yet disclosed the cause of the collision, but it is learned that one or two station masters have been arrested.—*Central News*.

ITALIAN KING TO VISIT BERLIN

It is understood that King Victor Emmanuel will visit Berlin in the near future. The visit is expected to take place in the next few days.—*Reuter*.

SPORTS CLOTHES STYLES ARE SMARTER THAN EVER

Pineapples With The Meat Course

A FEW IDEAS

TRY serving fruit with the meat course. An American home in Tanglin provides these three new ways of serving pineapple, the sharp sweetness of which blends well with mutton and better still with beef.

Noisettes Sarawak

GET "cookie" to bone, roll and tie the required number of chops. Brown the noises on both sides under the grill or in a hot frying pan. Mount them, upon slices of pineapple. Place them on a greased baking tin and bake in a moderate oven for about 15 to 20 minutes. Halve some tomatoes and sprinkle them with salt and pepper. Place in the oven with the meat.

When done, arrange the noises and pineapple on a hot dish and top each one with a tomato garnished with a strip of anchovy or with some finely chopped fresh mint.

Pour a cup of boiling water into the baking tin, place over the fire and stir until boiling, well scraping the bottom of the tin meanwhile to incorporate the residue. Add salt and pepper to taste and thicken slightly with flour if liked. The slight pineapple flavour in the gravy is a distinctive feature.

Serve plainly mashed potato and green peas, spinach or sprigs of cauliflower coated with browned breadcrumbs but not with white sauce.

Ayam And Nanas

PINEAPPLE is a delicious accompaniment to cold chicken. When next making a cold stuffed chicken, try adding cubes of pineapple and perhaps some banana to the other ingredients for stuffing.

Cut away the breast meat from the cooked bird, remove the breast-bone and merrythought. Slice the meat very neatly and mix it with neat cubes of ham and of pineapple and some slices of banana.

Moisten with some rich white chutney sauce, stiffened with apple jelly or gelatine, and fill into the breast. Smooth it over and, when the sauce has set, mask the whole bird with more of the sauce.

Pineapple Cutlet

SMALL pieces of pineapple can also be used as a garnish to veal cutlet. Take some thinly cut slices of veal cutlet or of fillet and trim off any skin or gristle. Shape them neatly.

Melt about two ounces of butter in a pan, brown the veal and cook gently for about twenty minutes until nicely done. Remove, drain and keep warm. Add about one ounce of flour to the butter and cook and stir together for several minutes until a smooth paste is formed.

Add about one pint of white stock (if possible a stock made from veal bones and trimmings) or milk and stir together until boiling. Season well with salt and pepper and a little mace. This sauce is much improved by the addition of a few spoonfuls of cream and the beaten yolk of an egg. It must not be allowed to boil after the eggs have been added.

Thoroughly heat the pineapple cubes in a little stock or in some of the sauce. Arrange the meat on a hot dish and place the pineapple cubes in heaps at each end or cut them in flat slices and dispose over the meat. Pour the sauce over the meat and place under the grill for a few minutes to colour.

NEGLECTED STOMACH PAINS may end in DANGEROUS OPERATIONS!

Many a stomach sufferer has had to submit to the surgeon's knife because he neglected stomach pains—pains that came on after eating. He dismissed those little twinges as nothing more than ordinary indigestion—and paid the price of his neglect.

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The Trouser Suit Can Be Very Becoming

By JANE GORDON



THE smartest of trouser suits is sketched here. Man-tailored, it has plain trousers and checked jacket. The newest thing in tennis dresses has divided skirt and is in coarse linen. Note the bib with drawthread work. Two new ideas in tennis caps are described.

WHEN a member of Addington Golf Club returns from his week-end sports and forgets to describe his prowess on the old or new course because he is all agog over a game shorts in butcher blue with patch pockets and an apron bib worn woman golfer who wore a trouser suit, you may take it for granted that trouser suits are worthy of serious consideration.

Personally I do not find trousers skittering to a woman's figure, but there seems little doubt that they are comfortable and practical for golf. They do not flap about in the wind or cramp one's style. They protect stockings in the rain, and as all good golfers keep their eyes on the ball it does seem more important that women's clothes should be practical rather than attractive on the golf course.

One of these suits has been sketched for you. As you can see it is man-tailored, with plain coloured trousers and a checked jacket.

In one suit the trousers are a very dark blue and the jacket blue with a small green and red check, and in another the trousers are grey with a grey and blue checked jacket. A third has beige trousers with a brown and green checked jacket. Plain trousers and jackets, one in a lovely shade of emerald green and another in bright violet, are quite cheap. For the hard bitten woman who will go out in any weather there are proofed golf trouser suits in navy and brown, there are suede shorts in all pastel colours and a deep golden yellow to go with suede blouses.

For beach wear or cruising I found a cheerful looking gangster type of blouse in scarlet and white check with white slacks, and some duncie because he is all agog over a game shorts in butcher blue with patch pockets and an apron bib worn woman golfer who wore a trouser suit, you may take it for granted that trouser suits are worthy of serious consideration.

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NAVY BLUE BECOMES MORE AND MORE POPULAR

NAVY BLUE is becoming a more and more popular colour for smart wear in the country as well as in the town. For country wear, however, we usually find that navy blue has been chosen for the accessories rather than for the main part of the colour scheme, while for wear in town navy blue becomes the basic colour, and accessories lend a contrasting note.

One of the most attractive scheme of the moment consists of navy blue combined with yellow. An ensemble showing these two colours has a yellow dress, very neat and slim, with a slightly bloused bodice and a pleated skirt worn beneath a full-length navy blue woollen redingote, with edge-to-edge fronts, tied together at the waist and having a little group of pleats at the back of the skirt part.

Two Blues

ANOTHER dress is of pale blue, with a rather severe neckline, and a skirt which has all its fullness concentrated in a group of gathers in the front. Here the navy blue redingote has a rather fuller skirt part, and a single button fastening at the front of the waist. The revers of the coat are faced with the same pale blue material as that of the dress.

Printed fabrics are also much seen accompanied by plain coats of navy blue. A favourite fabric is that of matt-surfaced crepe covered with a design in several shades of pink, including "clover." A dress of this fabric looks charming beneath a long coat of navy blue woollen in a fine weave.

Then, too, we have various plaid materials which are combined with plain navy blue. Navy and yellow plaid crepe or fine woollen make dresses for wear beneath plain navy coats.

Sometimes the coat has a lining to match the dress, or the revers, only, may be of plaid fabric. Shorter, box coats of navy blue woollen have little collars, and the fronts edged to match the plaid dress worn beneath.

Smart Checked Jackets

ANOTHER scheme is that of choosing a grey and navy blue checked woollen jacket, rather full, and of half length, and wearing it over slim navy blue linen or fine woollen dress. These little checked jackets are extremely smart but they only look really well on slim figures. Larger figures look more attractive in full-length redingotes of a plain dark colour.

Plain coloured short jackets, cut on slightly full lines, with centre front fastenings, plain, though "easy-fitting" sleeves, and next-to-no collars are worn over navy blue skirts

or navy, tailored dresses. These short coats look well in strange, rather light colours, such as mustard yellow, clove pink, or wistaria mauve. Sometimes they are made of thick, cotton fabrics, or woollens with a soft, flannelly surface.

Tailored dresses of finest flannel, or some washable substance which somewhat resembles fine flannel, are excellent for town or country wear.

Pipings And Accessories

WE see this type of fabric in grey printed all over in a neat design in navy blue. One such dress has buttons down the front and a neat turned-down collar—all piped in navy blue to match the design on the fabric. The belt is of navy blue also, and so are the accessories.

Striped woollens and linens also incorporate much navy blue in their colourings, so that it is quite easy to match up your navy blue accessories.

Usually the stripes run around the figure and are of various widths. Sometimes tailored dresses, of simple design, are made entirely of these striped fabrics, while in other instances we have hip-length, fitted jumpers made of striped jersey and worn over navy blue pleated skirts.

Hay Diet Hints

Cooking Dried Apricots Or Prunes

Can you tell me the best method of cooking dried apricots or prunes?

Wash the apricots or prunes well and put them into a casserole or some vessel with a lid and cover them with cold water. Put on the lid and put into a warm oven. Cook very slowly for some hours, until practically all the liquid has been absorbed. An inch of cinnamon or a piece of lemon rind makes a pleasant change, if cooked with the fruit. Do not add sugar and do not cook quickly.

How may I curry bananas to conform with Hay Diet Rules?

Make a white sauce of flour, butter, and tinned cream diluted with coconut milk. Add curry powder and paste, a little chopped onion and seasoning but no lime. Stew the bananas in the sauce, serve with rice and garnish with raisins and cucumber.

Are Scotch eggs permissible on Hay Diet?

If you use Frankfurter sausages massed and mixed with a little egg instead of the ordinary sausages which are a mixture of meat and bread Scotch eggs are permissible on the Hay Diet. Do not coat with egg and crumbs but instead brush with egg.

I see agar-agar used with acid fruits and in savoury jellies. Does this mean that it is a protein and, therefore, will not combine with starches and sugars?

Agar-agar is a natural vegetable product obtained from sea-weed. It is compatible with all classes of food in the Hay Diet and may therefore be used with protein, acid fruits or carbohydrate foods.

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Marihuana Drug Makes Gunmen

Revelations At A Recent Trial In England

THE trial recently in which Mr. Justice Asquith sentenced the soldier-gunner, Andrew Vandenberg, to ten years' penal servitude for shooting at police officers reveals again the use made of the amazing drug marihuana.

For some months, picked detectives have been waging a campaign against a growing traffic in the drug, which has been distributed rolled into cigarettes says a *Daily Mail* reporter.

A medical expert told me last night that marihuana, or American hemp, is a powerful intoxicant drug, prepared either by steeping the seeds of the plant in spirit to make a tincture for doping tobacco, from the powdered seed, or from the leaves.

BRAIN PARALYSED

Although described as an intoxicant, its effect is very different from that of alcohol, as the inhaled fumes take effect more quickly and are much more intense and prolonged in their action.

The first effect is a sense of exhilaration and loss of all feeling of fatigue.

Next comes a phase in which the addict must be up and doing, although all sense of responsibility has gone and the most reckless acts may be committed.

Finally a stuporous state is reached, in which all sense of time and place is lost. The brain is paralysed first at the inhibitory centres which normally keep a person under control.

It was stated recently by Mr. Llewellyn, counsel for Vandenberg, that the gunman had been receiving supplies of the drug in letters from former associates in Canada and the United States, where marihuana has a wide vogue among the criminal elements.

"NO CLEMENCY"

In his summing up, Mr. Justice Asquith declared that the fact that the shots were fired under the emotional disturbance produced by the drug was no exenuation of the crime.

"This kind of crime," he said, "can receive no clemency at all. It cannot be too clearly understood in this country that the methods of the gangster and the gunman are not going to be tolerated. Vandenberg's 16-years-old accomplice, Eddie Kaye, was sent to Brixton for three years.

Divisional Detective-Inspector Harris disclosed in court that Vandenberg had served 10 years in a Canadian penitentiary for shooting two policemen while trying to rob a bank.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but was released in February last year and deported to England. In November he enlisted in the 12th Lancers, giving his age as 27.

FATHER'S EFFORT

At his home in Spital-street, Stepney, E., last night, I spoke to Vandenberg's blind, 76-years-old father.

"If only I hadn't been blind, my boy would never have gone wrong. I would have been able to look after him properly. He was a good son," he told me.

"I got his sentence reduced when he was in trouble in Canada.

"I never stopped trying to get him out, then I sent letters—written for me by my second wife—to everybody concerned, even the judge in the case.

"I saw the former Canadian Premier, Mr. R. B. Bennett, when he was in London. I was shown into a room in a large office somewhere in the West End, and a maid said to me, 'This is Mr. Bennett.' And I told him all about it. He said he would do what he could.

"My son joined the Army in 1916, when he was not more than 15½ years old. When he was discharged he was only 18. I believe that preyed on his mind, and he was not responsible for what he did on the night in question.

"My last sight of him before I went blind was when he was a lad of 17, wearing the kilt of a Canadian Scottish regiment."

PLANE SPOTS DRUG CROP

Alexandria. An illicit poppy plantation 140 acres in extent has been located by the Central Narcotics Information Bureau by means of an aeroplane.

The plantation is situated in Assiut province, Upper Egypt. The flight was undertaken following the receipt of secret information by the Bureau, and when aerial photographs had been taken, police were sent to the spot and destroyed the entire crop.



IN BATTERSEA PARK, Miss McCoshery, 14-year-old Middlesex R.A.C. long jump champion, practised for the A.A.A. indoor championships, while on an adjoining track, E. Raby, K. Tiffen and D. Saunders (right) loosened up during their first practice since their return from the Empire Games.



WORLD'S MOST SECRET MOTOR CAR

A 350 MILES-AN-HOUR car shaped like a dart is being built in sections in scattered sheds at Brooklands.

Mechanics are sworn to secrecy, and only a few privileged people have seen this wonder car to be driven by John Cobb in August at Utah, U.S.A., when he will attack Eyston's record of 312 m.p.h.

Never before has Reid Ratliff, its designer, taken such elaborate pains to ensure privacy during the construction of his world-record car. Cobb will sit in front of the car near the nose. Behind him, and slightly staggered on either side, will be the two Napier engines developing between them 3,000 horsepower.

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HAMILTON, Ont.—A Russian obtained his naturalization papers here. In the language test the judge asked him: "What does your mother say about conditions in Russia?" "Not so hot," was the reply.

Million In Gold On Dutch Plane

Bullion Arrives In Singapore

With gold bullion valued at roughly one million Straits dollars, bound from Europe to the Far East, a Royal Dutch Airlines plane arrived at the Singapore Airport last week and the valuable cargo spent the night in a bank strongroom.

Although the plane, with its valuable cargo, was watched by two armed guards at each night stop on the way from Amsterdam to Singapore, the gold, wrapped two bars at a time in light canvas, was removed inconspicuously at the airport.

Under the supervision of the crew of the plane, Mr. M. A. Dellart, agent at Singapore for K.L.M. and K.N.I.L.M., and Mr. A. Newark, manager of the airport, the bullion was moved from the airliner to a waiting motor-car in an ordinary airport luggage barrow.

The pneumatic tyres bulged as the small gold shipment was piled into the barrow.

The gold spent the night in a bank strongroom under special armed guard.

It will be shipped from Singapore by the first available ship. Airlining and other officials were most reluctant to discuss the matter or supply any information about the gold.

Gold and silver bullion passes through Singapore in ships several times a year and small loads have been taken by air before, but it is unusual to find a shipment of such value being taken by air.

Smugglers Of Drugs Dress As Nuns And Friars

Alexandria. Posing as Franciscan friars and nuns respectively, two youths and two girls, attempted to smuggle over 100 pounds of opium and the notorious drug marihuana into Egypt at Alexandria.

The "friars" wearing the traditional robes and sandals, complete with bushy black beards, boarded the Italian steamer Marco Polo, followed by the "nuns," half an hour before she was due to sail. They went ashore fifteen minutes later, but alert plainclothes policemen noticed that something had changed their appearance and their gait.

When challenged they indignantly refused to be searched. They were arrested, and found to have many packets of the drugs attached round their legs, arms, and waists.

One of the four is in his early twenties. All the others are under twenty.

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ernment was concerned. It was a matter for the Italian Government and Emperor Haile Selassie to decide, in the light of their interests and responsibilities.

No Reason For Conflict

"Provided we are satisfied, as we are, that Italy does not mean to use Spain to alter the status quo when the struggle is over, there is no reason why the fact that there are strong Italian views on one side should conflict with the strong views held by a large section of the British public on the other side. It should not preclude us from improving relations with Italy over the wider international field.

"By the Anglo-Italian Agreement we have made a beginning toward peace, and we are resolved to seize every opportunity to develop it.

"We would like to see removed every cause of mistrust between ourselves and Germany, a view that is shared by the mass of people of both countries."

Lord Halifax finally argued that talk about the inevitability of war was dangerous and essentially untrue.

Labour Only Critic

Lord Halifax declared that he had found in Geneva representatives of France, the Little Entente, Belgium and Poland all warmly testifying to the significance of the Anglo-Italian agreement.

No voice was raised in criticism, so the Labour Opposition in Britain was almost alone in Europe in condemning what the British Government tried to do.

Were the Opposition in Government's place it would be following a policy that would not greatly differ from that followed by the Government.

"I was Viceroy of India under a Socialist Government, when India passed through its most disturbing times, and no Government could have given any Viceroy more loyal and whole-hearted support than I received from the Labour Party," Lord Halifax said.

"I have never been tempted to think that a Socialist party with the responsibility of office would fail in duty as custodians of the wider interests of the British Commonwealth."

Lord Halifax concluded by appealing for national unity.—Reuter.

R. A. F. Planes Collide

Two Killed Near Singapore

London, May 18.
Two Royal Air Force machines met in a mid-air collision to-day at Seletar, in the suburbs of Singapore. Corporal Stone and Aircraftman Ashton were killed. Both were aboard one of the machines, of which the pilot, Flying Officer Frank Howard Roberts, was rescued. The occupants of the other machine escaped without injuries.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, reads:

Buyers were more in evidence at prices under quotations, but for the present sellers are not disposed to trade.

Buyers

H.K. Steamboats \$22½
Ven. Goldfield \$2.00
H.K. Lands 4½ debentures \$101
Pak. Tram. Ord. \$1
H.K. Electric \$60½
Macao Electric \$1½
Daily News \$2½
Constructions \$1½
Marsmans (H.K.) 3/10

Sales

Hongkong Bank \$1,550
Union Insurance \$22
H.K. & S. Wharves \$137
H.K. Lands \$37
H.K. Tramways \$17,000
Star Ferry \$60
H.K. Electric \$60½
Atoka 20½
Benquet Consol 0.30
Coco Grove 50
Paracale Guinea \$16
San Francisco 40

Act With Prudence Foreigners Are Warned

Japanese War Office Issues Communiqué

Tokyo, May 18.

A War Office communiqué issued to-day re-emphasises that the Japanese Army in China is doing its utmost to protect the lives and property of Third Power nationals.

The communiqué recalls that General Orders were issued some time ago for a careful investigation of foreign properties as possible attack sites.

"The Chinese are taking advantage of every opportunity to impair Japanese relations with foreign Powers," the communiqué states.

"They are using foreign property when this is possible, and are also attacking and kidnapping, sometimes killing, foreign people. Such actions on the part of the Chinese are frequent."

The communiqué charged that Italians and Germans, who were connected with Japan through the anti-Comintern Agreement, were terrorised by the Chinese. The communiqué recalls the Battle of Fengyang on February 17, charging that the Chinese constructed positions against the American-owned Church. In the Battle of Linzi, alleges the communiqué, the Chinese troops were entrenched around religious buildings owned by foreigners. As a result, the Japanese attackers were hampered, and suffered heavy and unnecessary losses.

The communiqué recalled the previous request to foreigners not to permit Chinese to use their properties, and also the Foreign Office request to Foreign Powers to arrange for the evacuation of their nationals from the danger areas.

"We hope that foreigners residing in the danger areas in China will recognise the intentions of the Japanese Army and will behave themselves with prudence in order to ward off any untoward incidents."—United Press.

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, May 18.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
July	8.65/85	8.65/85
October	8.72/72	8.71/71
December	8.74/74	8.74/74
Jan. (1939)	8.75/75	8.75 N
March (1939)	8.82/82	8.81/81
May (1939)	8.85/85	8.85/85
Spot		8.85

New York Rubber

May	11.85b/90a	
July	11.00b/12.00a	11.94b/90a
September	12.10b/15a	12.09/09
December	12.31/30	12.26/26
March		12.45/45
Sales for the day: 450 tons		
The last Notice Day for May Rubber is May 26.		

Chicago Wheat

May	70½/70½	70½/70½
July	70½/70½	70½/70½
Sept.	70½/77	71½/77½
Tuesday's Sales: 23,230,000 bushels		
The last Notice Day for May Grains is May 26.		

Chicago Corn

May	58½/58½	57½/57½
July	58½/58½	58½/58½
Sept.	59½/59½	59½/59½

Winnipeg Wheat

May	113½/113½	114½/114½
July	102½/102½	102/102
Oct.	84½/84½	84½/84½
The last Notice Day for May Winnipeg Wheat is May 31.		

NEWS AGENCY APPOINTMENTS

London, May 19.

The appointment of Webb Miller, famous diplomat and war correspondent, as General Manager of the United Press Association in Europe has been announced.

Mr. Harry Flory has been appointed European News Manager.—United Press.

JAPANESE CHARGE INTO HSUCHOW

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forces defending that sector."—Reuter.

Attempt, On Lunghai Line Still Unsuccessful

Hsuehchow, May 19.

With the Chinese fighting tenaciously to repel all enemy raiding parties the Japanese attempt to cut the Lunghai Railway is still no nearer to success.

So far the raids have been conducted largely by small cavalry units, constituting no great menace to the lines. To prevent any further raids Chinese reinforcements have been dispatched to all important points along the line.

After inflicting a crushing defeat to a Japanese column of 5,000 men at Huihungsi and Hantackow, 30 kilometres north of Yung-cheng, Chinese troops, hotly pursuing the retreating enemy, reached the outskirts of Yung-cheng and laid siege to the city yesterday morning. The Japanese withdrew into the city and stubbornly resisted.

A bitter encounter took place yesterday at Watzekow, south-west of Siao-shien, between a Japanese unit of 1,000 men and a Chinese detachment. The Japanese withdrew to rising ground in the vicinity where they are still holding out last night. Three Japanese tanks, 10 armoured cars and a large quantity of arms and ammunition were seized.

Unconfirmed Report

Unconfirmed reports from the front state that Mengcheng on the north bank of the Ho River, north-west of Pengpu, which the Japanese used as a base of operations in north Anhwei, has been recaptured by the Chinese.

In west Shantung heavy Chinese reinforcements have crossed the Grand Canal and are pushing toward Kinsiang and Yutai, which have fallen into Japanese hands. The Chinese regiment at Chuyeh, which has fought tenaciously against the Japanese for the last six days, is still holding out. Koacheng, scene of several engagements in the last few



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precautions.—Central News.

Withdrawal Ordered?

Tokyo, May 19.

The Tsinan Correspondent of the Domei News Agency alleges that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a radio broadcast from Hankow to-day, ordered the Chinese forces to withdraw from Hsuehchow without fighting a decisive battle.

According to the report, the troops were instructed by the Generalissimo to continue guerilla warfare.—United Press.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, May 18.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet and narrowly irregular, Kaffirs providing the brightest spot, despite the fact that they were somewhat less active towards the close.

Gold-edgeds were a fraction firmer, and Brazilians and Far Easterns were lower.

Industrials were undecided, but oils benefited by continental inquiry. The Commodity and Foreign Exchanges continued featureless.—Reuter Special.

GERMAN PRESS ATTACKS U.S.

Berlin, May 18.

The Berlin newspapers have renewed their attacks on the U.S. Department of State and Wall Street which, they accuse, are causing increased and new tension between Germany and the United States.

The Press attributes developments in Brazil to the recent protest by the Department of State at the Utilization Degree.—United Press.

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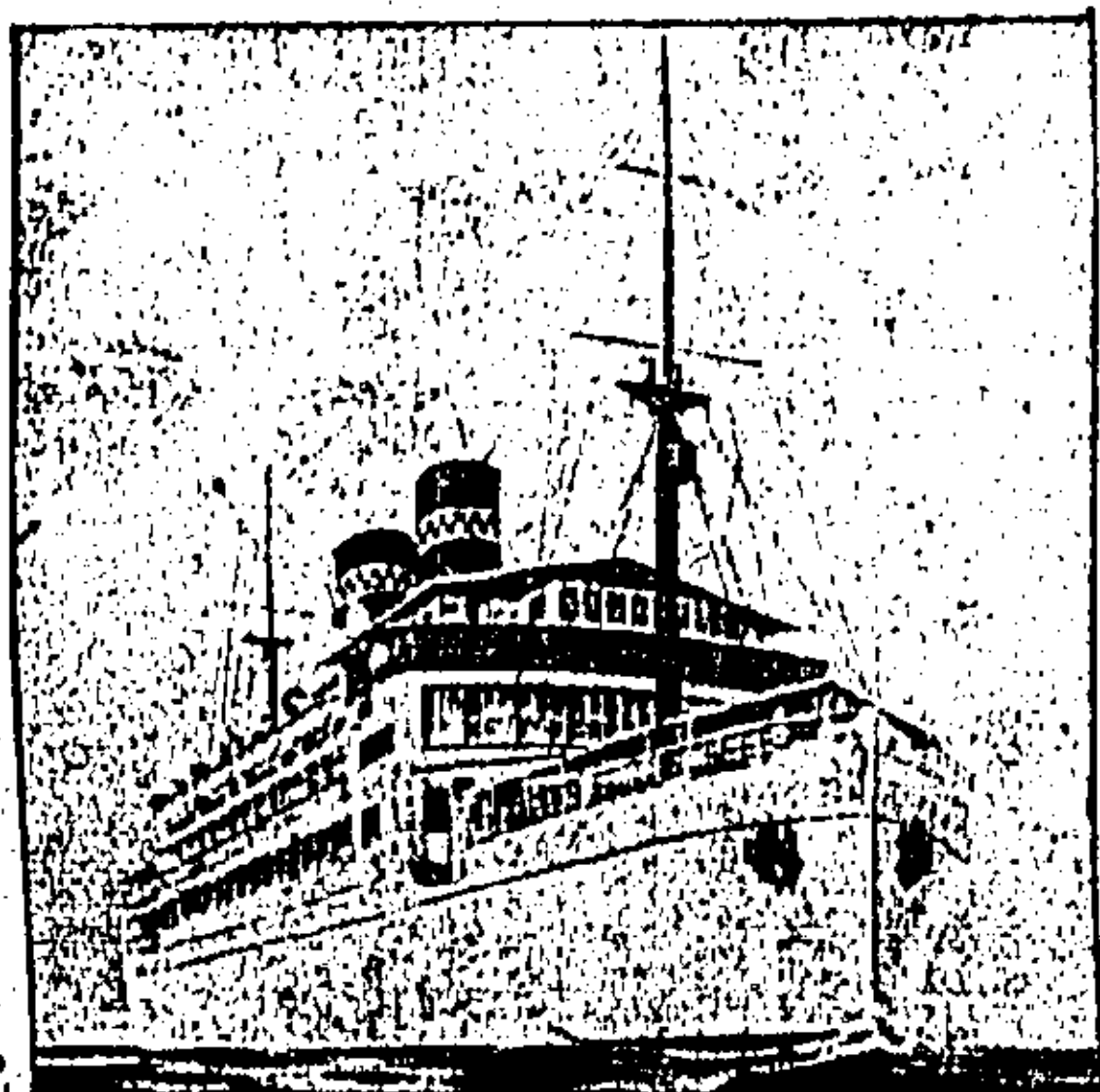
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THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1938.

WRONG TURNING

Yesterday was the anniversary of the first world movement for the preservation of peace. Nations met at the Hague in 1889 at the close of a century distinguished by several first class slaughters and tried to concoct some sort of scheme whereby civilisation might be preserved from such horrors as the Crimean and Franco-Prussian wars. Well within a half century these same nations were to see wars more terrible and conquests more brutal than anything over before experienced. It almost seemed that the powers of evil were stimulated by the peace-seekers. Long before the dreadful days of 1914-18, the century had echoed to the crash of guns. There had been a war in South Africa, another in the them so swiftly. For them came the Balkans, and probably other little affairs buried under the debris of history and forgotten in the chaos which followed them so swiftly. For then came the greatest war of all, and out of the mud and blood rose the permanent peace structure of the League of Nations. And the world hoped, or pretended to, that wars would be ended. The Age of Righteousness was at hand.

To-day the League stands helpless and abandoned. In the past few years there has been a glorious spectacle of progress; scientific progress which has led to the "spraying of mustard gas" on Ethiopians, as the Bishop of Chelmsford writes. Then came the civil war in Spain, and open intervention by three powers, and as blood flowed in Europe, Japan acted in the Far East and rained bombs on cities and machine-gunned refugees, so eye-witnesses say, until all the peace-loving folk shuddered and cried their unavailing, empty protests. In the meantime a savage persecution of Jews was going on in more than one European state, and Wylie's story of their terror wrings the heart. All of these dreadful things have happened and are happening and are hated. But nothing—literally and finally nothing—has the same, unselfish civilisation which we boast done to put a stop to the reign of evil. Well may the Bishop of Chelmsford ask if it is worth preserving.

"A panic," he writes, "closely resembling insanity, is running like an epidemic over the whole

It always takes a major mine disaster to draw public attention to the terrible risks run by mine-workers.

Then, once the first shock dies down, people cease to ask what can be done to reduce those risks.

Until we get public ownership of the mines, unnecessary risks will continue; but there are safety measures which could and should be enforced at once.

These are explained below by Mr. Will Lawther (Durham Miners' Association), vice-president of the Mine-workers' Federation of Great Britain and a member of the Trades Union Congress General Council.

STOP These AVOIDABLE

EXPLOSIONS in coal mines may be caused by many things, and many different measures are, therefore, needed if they are to be averted. But it must be evident to many people that one of the greatest causes of these all too frequent disasters is the use of explosives.

Big explosions involving heavy loss of life arouse public sympathy and concern; yet it must be added that never in the history of coal mining have there been so many small explosions as in recent years.

These would have been much larger, resulting in greater loss of life, had it not been for the excellent methods employed by mine managers to render coal dust harmless and the better and easier systems of ventilation.

Yet the question remains, why should any explosions occur?

SOME people think at once of electricity, the use of which has been considerably extended in mining, when such awful calamities take place as that in Yorkshire.

One hears anew strong views on the dangers attaching to the use of electrical machinery in mines.

There is foundation in this. Badly applied electrical transmission is a serious peril.

Let us not overlook the fact, however, that in every known case where electricity is now

used the explosions have been very small, because they have been confined to small places. I regard the use of explosives, of which little or nothing is said at these times, as a much greater source of danger. It is a well-known fact that many collieries, on the score of safety, employ no other power than compressed air for driving their underground machinery, yet these collieries also destroy this safety factor by the use of high explosives.

During the last few years other means for breaking down the coal have been successfully adapted—methods by which no explosion takes place. These include a system which embodies the use of carbon dioxide. Unfortunately, the change-over to such newer methods brings us up against vested interests, the explosive manufacturers, who still tell the outside world that the use of explosives is safer.

They urge us to pin our faith to high explosives. Much is said in support of these in their sheathed form. These are simply mixtures of nitro-ammonia, nitro-glycerine, sawdust and moisture in various

percentages, with an outer covering of bi-carbonate of soda, or some other mixture for killing flame.

But before this mixture can be completely changed into its gaseous form at high temperatures and pressures it has to be subjected to detonation. To obtain this detonation, the cartridge is either opened or punctured with a small piece of wood.

When this is done, the outside sheathing is rendered useless, because it immediately allows the interior of the cartridge to become exposed to the outer atmosphere.

THIS atmosphere, in a shot-hole, may be an explosive mixture containing 7 to 8 per cent. of CH₄ (carburetted hydrogen), which cannot be detected on the safety lamp because this lamp cannot be pushed to the back of the shot-hole.

Furthermore, the coal may be broken from the back of the shot-hole to the back side of the "under-cut" made by the cutting machine, and the gases



This collier is undercutting the coal face with a pick. A shot may then be fired to drive the coal down into the space which he has cleared.

Pit Deaths by WILL LAWTHOR

may be percolating through from the "under-cut."

Thus it is evident that we may have an undetected explosive mixture in the run where the shot is being fired.

It is folly, therefore, to claim that the modern explosive is safe, and especially foolish to suggest that it is safer than other systems in which no explosion takes place.

ANOTHER point which must not be forgotten is this. The correct application of sheathed explosives depends upon the human element.

The carbon dioxide system was adopted in certain pits in the last two years, and the result was good from the safety point of view.

It is significant that after the use of that system was stopped three explosions took place in those pits, and it was proved conclusively that the use of high explosives, both sheathed and un-sheathed, was the cause.

Defenders of high explosives become eloquent about the small amount of fumes which may be given off from carbon dioxide used in shafts.

But they take particular care to make no mention of the number of men partially poisoned by the fumes from high explosives.

Nor do they say anything about the deaths, attributed to pneumonia, when the victims really lose their lives through gas poisoning from the use of high explosives in narrow places where the temperatures vary from 87deg. to 92deg. Fahrenheit.

SHOT-FIRING, of course, is not the only cause of explosions. They may occur from the fact that gas fires may be smouldering in the gobs (waste material packed between the roadways) while gas—which is CH₄ (carburetted hydrogen)—is near by.

There may also be danger from large outbursts of gas from virgin areas, though these can be safely dealt with in our present mining systems.

Again, small outbursts of gas may form an explosive mixture, due to insufficient ventilation, bad roads in the various districts, and too few "splitters."

A mine which is efficiently ventilated has "splitters" into districts, with defined barriers left between; and this would confine explosions to small districts.

There is added peril to-day in the fact that these methods which were laid down by well-known mining engineers are becoming more or less neglected, with the new systems of extracting coal quickly by machinery.

They could, however, be put in operation again, and it should be made legally obligatory for every colliery in the kingdom to do so.

WHEN the Mineworkers' Federation gives evidence before the Royal Commission on Safety in Mines, it will have proposals to make covering a much wider field than I have touched in this article, but I want at once to draw public attention to the fact that accidents from shot-firing are avoidable, and continued failure to adopt the available measures will be nothing short of a crime.

To-day's Thought
DO not do unto others as you would they should do unto you—their tastes may be different.
—BERNARD SHAW.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"A pretty pass we're coming to when a taxpayer can't come in to fill his personal pen without getting a lot of sediment in the ink!"

PEG LEG-FAILS DRIVER

ALAMEDA, Cal.—A driver under suspicion of being intoxicated challenged the right of two patrolmen to impose on him the test of walking in a straight line "without assistance." He insisted he was entitled to assistance because he had a wooden leg, which he had. He was jailed without the test.

VIOLIN MADE FROM PAPER

London.—Sapper Herbert Winton, 52nd Field Company, Royal Engineers, stationed at Ismailia, Egypt, has been granted three months' special leave to come to England to patent a paper violin. Winton made the violin in his spare time from compressed sheets of cartridge paper.

LOVE TRIANGLE IS ALLEGED IN VILLA SHOOTING

Husband's "No" To Divorce

THE CASSERLEY CASE

AFTER the story of a love "triangle," which ended in the death by shooting of Mr. Percy Arthur Casserley, 58-year-old company director, had been unfolded at Wimbledon Police Court, the dead man's widow, 20 years his junior, and a builder's foreman, aged 36, were remanded.

The widow, Mrs. Georgina May Casserley, who was refused bail at the last hearing, heard her counsel appeal successfully on this occasion.

A condition was that she should enter a nursing home, where she would be attended by a night nurse as well as a day nurse. The builder's foreman, Edward Royal Chaplin, of Abbotsbury Road, Morden, stood in the dock accused of the murder of Mr. Casserley.

"I WILL SEE HIM AS MAN TO MAN"

Mrs. Casserley is charged with being an accessory after the fact.

Mr. Casserley was found dead at his villa in Lindisfarne Road, Wimbledon, on March 23.

It was alleged by the prosecution that Mrs. Casserley had told her maid that she had asked her husband to divorce her. He refused.

PRISON DENIALS

After preliminary evidence had been completed, Mr. E. Clayton, who appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that last week certain allegations were made against the authorities at Holloway Prison with reference to the treatment Mrs. Casserley received there.

"I only want to say this," Mr. Clayton remarked, "these allegations turn out to be entirely untrue and unfounded. They are really a gross travesty of the facts, but great publicity has been given to them."

"It was said that she had been scrubbing floors. That is denied. She has never scrubbed floors or been asked to do so."

"It was said that she was received in prison on March 20, but was only allowed to have a bath for the first time on Thursday night."

"VERY DEVOTED"

"The facts are that Mrs. Casserley told the authorities on March 31 that she had had a bath the night before. She was asked when she came in if she wanted a bath and she said, 'No.'"

"All the time she has been in prison Mrs. Casserley has been a very good and co-operative prisoner, and has never made a complaint of any description to anyone."

Opening the case for the prosecution, Mr. Clayton said he understood Mrs. Casserley was pregnant through her association with Chaplin.

Mr. Casserley retired on March 9. Before that he was managing director of a firm of distillers with a salary of about £1,500 a year.

"There is no doubt," Mr. Clayton said, "that for some time he had been addicted to drinking, chiefly whisky. He was of an extremely nervous disposition and on two or three occasions had been in a nursing home."

The Casserleys' maid, Lydia Scott, would say that the Casserleys, until nine months ago, were happily married and Mrs. Casserley was trying all she possibly could to break her husband of drinking habits.

The maid would say that since Mrs. Casserley got to know Chaplin there was something of a change in her behaviour to that Mrs. Casserley saw a great deal of Chaplin, who was visiting her almost daily and spending week-ends with her at his flat.

Mr. Clayton said: "Mrs. Casserley told the maid she had written to her husband in hospital, and disclosed the position between herself and Chaplin and asked him to divorce her."

"Apparently, Mrs. Casserley also told the maid that the reply, then and later, was: 'Do you think I am such a fool as to give you up for someone else?'"

"There is no doubt about it that Chaplin and Mrs. Casserley were very devoted to each other."

This was shown from correspondence, behaviour and conversation. Shortly after 9 o'clock, on the night of the tragedy, said Mr. Clayton, Mrs. Casserley called at a neighbour's house, very agitated, and said: "Oh, Mr. Burchall, will you help me? Someone has broken in. They have hurt Percy. I think he is dead."

BUTTON IMPORTANT

Mr. Burchall and his son found a quantity of silverware on the dining-room floor, making it appear that there had been a burglary.

Detective-Inspector Henry, who took charge of the investigation, found a bullet hole in the wall be-

hind the dead man's head and a button was pointed out to him by a detective-sergeant.

"That button," Mr. Clayton said, "is a rather important bit of evidence because it is clearly proved that it came off the coat Chaplin was wearing that night."

Chaplin, seen by the police, made a statement, in which he was alleged to have said that he first met Mr. and Mrs. Casserley while working near where they lived.

The alleged statement went on: "I became passionately fond of Mrs. Casserley. It is not my habit to coerce a married woman to leave her husband, but she had such a hard life with her husband."

"Owing to the fact that I had a miserable life and was desperately unhappy, my friendship seemed in-adequate. I think he must have known of it."

GUN FOUND

When charged with the murder on March 23, Chaplin replied: "Definitely I plead not guilty. I will show you where the gun is. You will never find it yourself. It is buried in a cavity."

A building estate wall had to be pulled down, and in the cavity was found a pistol and five rounds of ammunition.

At Chaplin's flat, said Mr. Clayton, a life-preserver was found and Sir Bernard Spilsbury would say that a wound on Mr. Casserley's head was consistent with having been struck by it.

A diamond ring, missing from the dead man's fingers, was found in a basket at the flat.

Mrs. Casserley made a statement in which it was alleged she said: "The first three or four years of our married life were happy."

"Since then my husband has been drinking heavily, sometimes drinking himself into a stupor. He was never violent."

"During these bouts he used to be abusive to me and my friends. As a result, we had difficulty in keeping friends. About 12 months ago the situation became a terrible one."

"About nine months ago I got to know Chaplin. We became very friendly. We were attracted to each other. After July he suggested taking me out. He knew my condition."

"We fell in love. We used to go out on an evening. I am sure my husband did not know of the association. His condition was so bad that he did not know whether I was in or out."

"On occasions I have been to Chaplin's flat. I told him everything about my husband and the conditions under which we were living."

SHE WAS AFRAID

Mr. Clayton then referred to an alleged conversation in which Mrs. Casserley told her maid that Mrs. Casserley sent her out for a bottle of whisky.

She met Ted (Chaplin) and told him she was afraid. Ted said: "I am not going to let you go through with it any more. I will go to see him as man to man to see if he will let you have your freedom."

Mrs. Casserley then said that Ted came back to the house with her and told her to go upstairs.

She went and heard Chaplin say, "Good evening, Mr. Casserley," and then heard voices raised and the sounds of two shots.

SHOWN A PISTOL

The first witness called was Mr. O. Edwin Howard Burchall, who described finding Mrs. Casserley.

From what you saw, had she been behaving as a good woman and a conscientious wife should behave?—Yes.

Mr. John Maude (for Mrs. Casserley): You knew nothing of her association with Chaplin?—No.

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Pretty Gwen Smith recently won the California state-wide Queen of Queens contest, over 200 other girls. Now she plans to enter the contest in connection with the Long Beach 50th anniversary, to find the state's most beautiful golden-haired girl.

Husband to Pay £50 for Breach

Love letters, said to have been written by a married man to a young woman, were read at the London Sheriff's Court recently.

The girl, 26-years-old Miss Ivy Bredell, of Brent-road, Hackney, E. was awarded £50 damages for breach of promise against Ralph Edwin Bott, who conducted his own case.

Bott denied the promise and said Miss Bredell knew he was married. Mr. F. R. Teichman, for Miss Bredell, said that Bott, who was 34, first met her in March 1937.

Affectionate letters passed between them. About April 27 he asked her to marry him. She consented, and plans were made for the wedding.

On June 1 he wrote to her an affectionate letter, but the next day "to her amazement and horror," Bott told her they could not marry as he already had a wife.

"ALWAYS TOGETHER"

"This man," said Mr. Teichman, "caused the hopes of this young woman to rise, and made her look forward to a future happiness, knowing all the time the promise could not be kept."

Mr. Teichman quoted from letters which, he said, were written by Bott to Miss Bredell. "I will not be long before we are together for always. It will be just wonderful to have you by my side to love and cherish you."

That, commented counsel, was on the day before Bott broke off the engagement.

Miss Bredell, a fair-haired young woman in a blue costume and black fur, said Bott told her he was a space buyer.

"I LOVED HIM"

Mr. Teichman: After he proposed, were you anxious to become his wife?—I loved him very much.

Miss Bredell, questioned by Bott, denied that he told her after the first fortnight that he was married.

Bott: Did you not want to become his mistress?

Miss Bredell: Ralph, how can you say such a thing to me?

While Mrs. Bredell, Miss Bredell's mother, was being questioned by Bott, she said, "You are a wicked man from beginning to end."

Magistrate Called "Your Washup"

Titles bestowed upon the magistrate by natives appearing in court at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, were "your majesty," "your crown," "your washup," "your washup."

One young native opened his defence by declaring, "You baffle me, my washup."

NAME CHANGED TO ZZZZO

SEATTLE—Harry Kirwin, commercial photographer, tired of having his name misspelled, he changed it to Kirwin Zyzzo. "Every-one spells my name a different way," he explained. "All they have to do is look for the last name in the telephone directory."

EMPIRE NEWS

BUDGET PROSPECTS IN CANADA

Ottawa. Prospects of a balanced Federal Budget are becoming good. Accounts of the 11-month period ended in February show a surplus amounting to more than £5,000,000.

Had the elimination of drought expenditure been possible a balanced budget could be made without the exclusion of the railway deficit. The national revenue increased by more than £12,000,000, totalling £94,000,000 and expenditure reached £88,000,000, increasing by more than £5,000,000.

C.N.R. Deficit.—Deficits amounting to more than £5,000,000 are revealed by the Canadian National Railways' statement tabled in the House of Commons. Operating revenues increased by £500,000, totalling over £39,000,000. Expenses reached £36,000,000, an increase of £1,000,000. This is accounted for by higher wages and increased costs for materials.

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12.30 Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Florodora"—Selection (Stuart)... Band; Sea Fever (Ireland); In Summer on Brecon (Peele)... Stuart Robertson; Youth and Vigour (Lautenslager); Colonel Bogey—March (Alford)... Band; A Bowl of Punch (Mortimer and Alan Murray); Song of the Buccaneer (Mortimer and Leonard)... Stuart Robertson; Semper Fidelis March (Souza)... Band.

1.0 Time and Weather.

1.03 Rale da Costa (Piano) and Reginald Foort (Organ).

What Are Your Intentions (From "Twenty Million Sweethearts"); I'll String Along With You (From "Twenty Million Sweethearts"); Rale da Costa; Jazz Goblins; Waltz Romantique... Rale da Costa; "The Mikado" Selection (Sullivan).... Reginald Foort; Reminiscences of Friml... Reginald Foort; "The Singing Marine"—Selection... Reginald Foort.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.

Played by Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia; Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

2.15 Close Down.

6.0 Studio—The Children's Hour.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 New Variety Programme.

Vocal with—Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (Vocal Gems from the Walt Disney Film)... Chorus and Orchestra directed by Jay Wilbur; Orchestra—Viejos Tiempos—Tango; Condens—Tango... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro with vocal refrain; Vocal—The Girl in the Alice Blue Gown (Parker); In Me "Orscope" (Harper—Haines); Grace Fields; Orchestra—Shim-Me-Sha-Wabble—Fox-Trot; Some Sweet Day—Fox-Trot... Miss Mole's Mole; Swing Trot—Night Time in Cairo... Eddie Carroll and His Swingphone Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—"At The Black Dog."

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton and S. E. Reynolds.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—A Recital by Eva Turner (Soprano) accompanied by A. T. Lay (Piano).

1. (a) Shepherd Thy Demeanour Vary (Thomas Brown—arr. H. Lane Wilson); (b) One Morning, Oh! So Early (J. Michael Black—words: Jean Ingvaldsen)... Eva Turner; 2. The Holy Boy (John Ireland) A. T. Lay; 3. Five Miniature Ballads—A Song Cycle (William Y. Hurston); (c) Blossoms; (d) Dreams; (e) Darkness; (f) Morning.

8.43 Selections From Opera.

Fidelio—Act 2, "In des Fruhlingsgarten" (Beethoven); Ballo in Maschera—Act 1: "Di tu se Fedele" (Verdi)... Evginid Laholm (Tenor) with the German State Opera Chorus and Orchestra—conductor, Prof. Robert Heger; Tanhauser (Venusberg Music—Bachmann—Wagner)... Bruno Walter conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; "The Tales of Hoffmann"—Vocal Gems (Offenbach); "Mignon"—Vocal Gems (Thomas)... Grand Opera Company with Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—"World Affairs."

A talk by the Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.

9.30 London Relay—"The News."

9.50 Violin Solos.

Dance Champetre, Op. 100, No. 1. (Sibelius)... Emil Telmányi (Violin) accompanied by G. V. Vassarieli; (Piano); Consolation (No. 3) (Liszt); From My Homeland (No. 2) (Smetana)... Nalati Milstein (Violin) Leopold Mittenman (Piano).

10.02 Songs by Theodore Chailapino (Bass).

The Two Grenadiers (Schumann); Midnight Review (Glinka).

10.13 Rimsky-Korsakov—Scherazade, Suite, Op. 35.

Played by The Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

11.00 Close Down.

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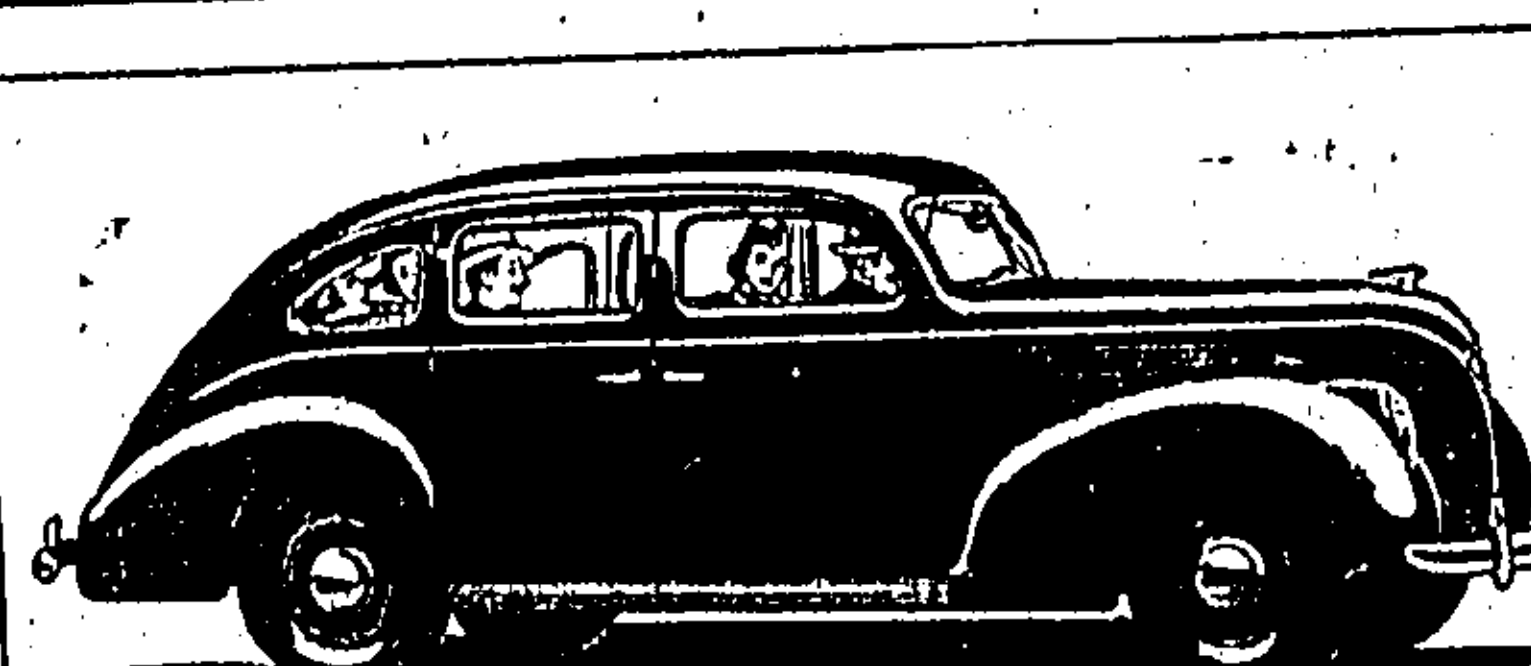
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CHINESE FIELD STRONG SIDE IN TENNIS LEAGUE

CIVIL SERVANTS EASILY BEATEN IN "B" DIVISION SOUTH CHINA, HONGKONG C.C., CRAIGENGOWER ALSO WIN THEIR TIES

Though the Chinese R.C. defeated the Civil Service C.C. by eight sets to one and the South China A.A. trounced the Indian R.C. by nine to nil, best performance in the "B" Division of the Tennis League yesterday was returned by the Craigengower C.C., who visited King's Park to beat the strong Club de Recreio team by five and a half sets to three and a half.

The Portuguese have by no means a weak side in this division, but there was no doubt that the visitors had the better-blended palm. As expected, George Choa and Joe Leonard, who reached the semi-finals of the recent open doubles championship, gave the Happy Valley team three sets, which paved the way for victory.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R.C. had a formidable side out against the Civil Servants, and consequently won with ease. Frank Kwok, Lee Yee-wing, S. W. Liang, Choy Ping-fan and Ng Kien-chuen are old campaigners, who would probably earn their places in the "A" team of most other clubs.

No great importance need be attached to South China's victory of nine-nil over the Indians at Sookunpo. The Chinese played steadily and little more. But the Indians were weak, and the two veterans, S. A. Ismail and J. S. Curreen, both of whom have been turning out for the "A" team in the past, seemed out of practice. Furthermore, they were playing together for the first time in some years.

In spite of the fact that S. A. and S. S. Hussain gave the side three sets, the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club lost to the Hongkong C.C. by 5½ sets to 3½.

The match scheduled between the Kowloon C. C. and the University was not played because of the latter being unable to field a team owing to the examinations.

Scores:

C.R.C. v. C.S.C.C.

Chinese R.C. beat C.S.C.C. 8-1. Y. W. Lee and F. Kwok beat J. R. Penning and I. Agutroff 6-2, beat J. Hendell and D. Anstuf 6-4, beat W. Carver and F. Sloan 6-1. S. W. Liang and D. S. See lost to Penning and Agutroff 3-6, beat Hendell and Agutroff 6-0, beat Carver and Sloan 6-1. F. P. Choy and K. C. Ng beat Penning and Agutroff 6-4, beat Hendell and I. Agutroff 6-4, beat Carver and Sloan 6-3.

SOUTH CHINA v. I.R.C.

South China beat Indian Recreation Club 9-0. H. T. Bee and H. Y. Khe beat S. A. Ismail and J. S. A. Curreen 6-4, beat A.

Australians Playing Northamptonshire

London, May 18.

Rain curtailed play in the match between Northamptonshire and the Australian cricket tourists to-day.

In a hundred minutes before lunch the Australians made 126 for no wicket, C. L. Badcock scoring 72 not out.—*Reuter.*

R. Kitchell and A. Rahmin 6-4, beat S. A. R. Hussain and A. R. Sultana 6-4. J. Hsu and K. Ng beat Ismail and Curreen 6-2, beat Kitchell and Rahmin 6-4, beat Hussain and Sultana 6-4. K. H. Lee and N. K. Ma beat Ismail and Curreen 6-2, beat Kitchell and Rahmin 6-4, beat Hussain and Sultana 6-1.

RECREIO v. CRAIGENGOWER

Recreio lost to Craigengower 3½-5½. A. C. J. Bowker and D. Choa 6-0, lost to W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell 3-6, drew with F. H. Zimmerman and R. Choa 6-6. F. J. Remedios and J. J. Remedios lost to Leonard and Choa 2-6, lost to Howard and Kitchell 3-6, beat Zimmerman and Choa 6-4. L. A. L. Silva and A. M. Rodriguez lost to Leonard and Choa 4-6, beat Howard and Kitchell 6-1, beat Zimmerman and Choa 6-4.

K.I.T.C. v. H.K.C.C.

Kowloon Indian Tennis Club lost to Hongkong Cricket Club 3½-5½. S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain lost to A. C. J. Bowker and D. Choa 6-1, beat J. J. Ferguson and F. E. Storey 6-2, beat W. M. Barton and T. C. Monaghan 6-0. Firdos Khan and M. A. Khan lost to Bowker and Choa 3-6, drew with Ferguson and Storey 6-6, lost to Barton and Monaghan 3-6. S. R. Suleh and Gurbachan Singh lost to Bowker and Choa 4-6, lost to Ferguson and Storey 6-6, lost to Barton and Monaghan 3-6.

K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY

The game between Kowloon Cricket Club and University was postponed as examinations prevented the students from appearing.



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Latest Call-Over For Derby

London, May 18. The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:
2/1 Pasch (t. and o.)
7/1 Golden Sovereign (o)
10/1 Port Marnock (o), 100/9 (t)
100/9 Scottish Union (o)
100/9 Pound Foolish (o), 100/8 (t)
20/1 Mirza (t. and o.). —*Reuter.*

EIRE DRAWS WITH CZECHS AT FOOTBALL

Prague, May 18. In an Association football match here to-day, Eire played to a draw with Czechoslovakia, each side scoring two goals.—*Reuter.*

As I See Sport

BOWLS CHAMPIONS ALL DEFENDING THEIR TITLES

Entries Show Falling-Off From Last Year's Figures

ENTRIES received by the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association reveal that last year's champions will be defending their titles in this season's tournament. U. M. Omar has sent in his name for the singles, and with his brother "A.M." for the pairs, which they won against the Luz brothers; and the Craigengower rink of J. Soares, J. Leonard, L.C.R. Souza and C. S. Rossette will also be competing.

Though interest in the game is keener than ever before, one is surprised to see that actually entries for

the 1938 championships are lower than last year's figures. A total of 103 entries has been received for the singles as compared with 119 in 1937 and 104 in 1936; 83 for the pairs compared with 76 in 1937 and 58 in 1936; and 39 for the rinks as compared with 41 last year and 31 in 1936. It has been noted with regret that that grand old player, R. F. da Luz, is not taking part in the championships except in the singles; the pairs and the rinks will be the poorer by his absence. On the other hand, Bob Duncan, who was away from the Colony last year, is now with us again, and will make an attempt to repeat his success of a couple of seasons back. Other former champions in the competition are A. M. Gutterez and A. E. Coates.

Challenge Indicated?

After surprising even themselves with the ease of their victory over the United Services R.C., the Indian R.C. have emerged as challengers to the supremacy of the Chinese Recreation Club in the "A" Division of the Tennis League. Whether the weakness of the U.S.R.C. players made the Indians look better than they actually are, it is difficult to say; certain it is however that they were playing very well on Tuesday, and if they produce the same form when they clash with the Chinese they will put up a good fight even if they cannot win. The problem that has been confronting the Indians for the past few seasons since the departure of C. A. L. Rumjahn for Tientsin and the untimely death of J. A. Cassumbhoy—has been to get four players good enough to give a measure of support to the Rumjahn cousins. For the last two seasons, the famous Rumjahn partnership has been split up, with no appreciable difference; in fact, in some matches this step proved to be faulty. Now Omar Rumjahn is back again to strengthen the side. If he and Sirdar can secure three sets in the majority of their matches, the Indians should not lose many of their fixtures as H. D. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar are good for two sets. To the Sookunpo camp, the most pleasing feature of the game against the U.S.R.C. was the promising display of A. R. Minu and I. M. A. Razack, the third string pair. Both Minu and Razack are what may be called "it" players. If they are good, they are very good; if they are bad, they are simply atrocious. The success or failure of the I.R.C. challenge will depend much on the future exhibitions of this pair in the League.

Tourists' Last Game

With two victories and a drawn match to their credit, the Salgon football tourists are down to play their last match in the Colony, this afternoon, against the Army at Causeway Bay at 5 p.m. I am sure most followers of the game will agree with me that the visitors have surpassed expectations, and can bear comparison with the best that we can produce at any time. It is unfortunate that the trip has been made at the end of the local season when most of the players,

By "Abo"

BRITISH WOMEN'S GOLF TITLE

Mrs. Peel Loses In Fourth Round

London, May 18. In the fourth round of the British Women's Golf Championship at Burnham, Somerset, Mrs. R. Peel, of Haddingtonshire, Scotland, who eliminated Miss Jessie Anderson, the title-holder, was to-day defeated by Mrs. Fletcher of Herefordshire by one up. Mrs. Holm beat Miss Diana Flashwick by four and three, and in the fifth round Mrs. Fletcher beat Miss Madeline Fyshe, runner-up in the English championship last year, by four and two.—*Reuter.*

after more than seven months of almost continuous football, are already feeling the strain. Otherwise a meeting between the visitors and the best Colony XI would give a better indication of merits of the two sides. However, the tour has been such a success from the Salgon players' point of view that another visit to the Colony is more than likely in the not too distant future; and when it materialises, I hope it will be during our season, and not either at the beginning or the end of it.

Cricket Distinction

EDRICH achieved the distinction of the season's first century by an Englishman. He compiled 104, in a little over three hours, for the M.C.C. against Yorkshire and on this form has quickly settled down to home conditions after his tour in India.

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HOW KHO WON HIS FINAL AT BOURNEMOUTH

A Better Player Than Is Realised

London, May 4. Kho Sin-kie, the 24-year-old Java-born Chinese tennis player, won his national title at Bournemouth last week when he defeated H. W. Austin (the holder), in the final of the British Hard-Court Championship, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

The Chinese adapted himself better to the prevailing conditions—a high wind made it difficult to play accurate tennis.

Austin did not find that all-important touch on which he relies from start to finish. Perhaps he was feeling the effects of his gruelling five set match of the previous day against Petra (France).

Kho, although he is not in the world's first ten players, is a very much better performer than many in this country realise.

His dipping top-spin drive, which won so many points off Austin, was just the shot to function in the wind. His spinning drop shot is a gem.

Austin is not the first leading player to fall to the wiles and guiles of Kho Sin-kie, who has been in big tennis since 1935.

His bag also includes Stefan the Italian, Schroder the Swede, the Frenchman Boussus, and our own Hare and Hughes.

TOM FARR RETURNING TO ENGLAND

To Appear Before Board Of Control

London, May 4. Tommy Farr has by cable notified his solicitors that he will definitely return to England on May 9. He makes no mention of any future boxing engagements.

He is returning to appear before the Board of Control. The facts are as follows: In 1937 Sydney Hulls applied for an injunction to stop Farr fighting in U.S.A. on the grounds that he, Farr, was under contract to meet Schmeling. This injunction was not granted.

Last week, Mr. Hulls lodged a complaint before the Board, asking for substantial damages against Tommy Farr.

This application has been adjourned for one month to enable Farr to appear in person.

At the meeting last week, no contracts or agreements whatsoever, except the one in question were produced, or handed round as exhibits. The latest news is that Joe Gould, American manager of Farr, is anxious to arrange a bout for him at the National Sporting Club on or about June 9. Neusel has been mentioned as a possible opponent but when the Welshman does arrive in this country, the tendency will probably be to match him with Eddie Phillips.

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COUNTRYSIDE NEWS

Wandering through Suffolk lanes JOHN MORGAN, "Daily Herald" Agricultural Correspondent, and FREDERIC G. ROPER, staff photographer, found women of the countryside at work

MANY women have aptitudes beyond the ordinary for the arts and business of rural husbandry. Somehow, endowed with an instinctive care and affection for the young calves and chickens thrive in a special way under their charge.

A dairymaid may chatter in the cowstalls, but be at the same time such a stickler for cleanliness that one of the essentials for a health-giving milk supply is constantly assured.

A woman usually knows, without much telling, the practical objections to the growing of either oversized apples or potatoes. So with the use of fruit, fresh vegetables and salads. These find their way to the table in ever-increasing quantities because women, more often than men, prefer the tastier, lighter forms of feeding, and set about getting them.

A saunter round Suffolk countryside found some of these women, young and old, in most peaceful corners, nourishing the land and its offspring out of love for the life.

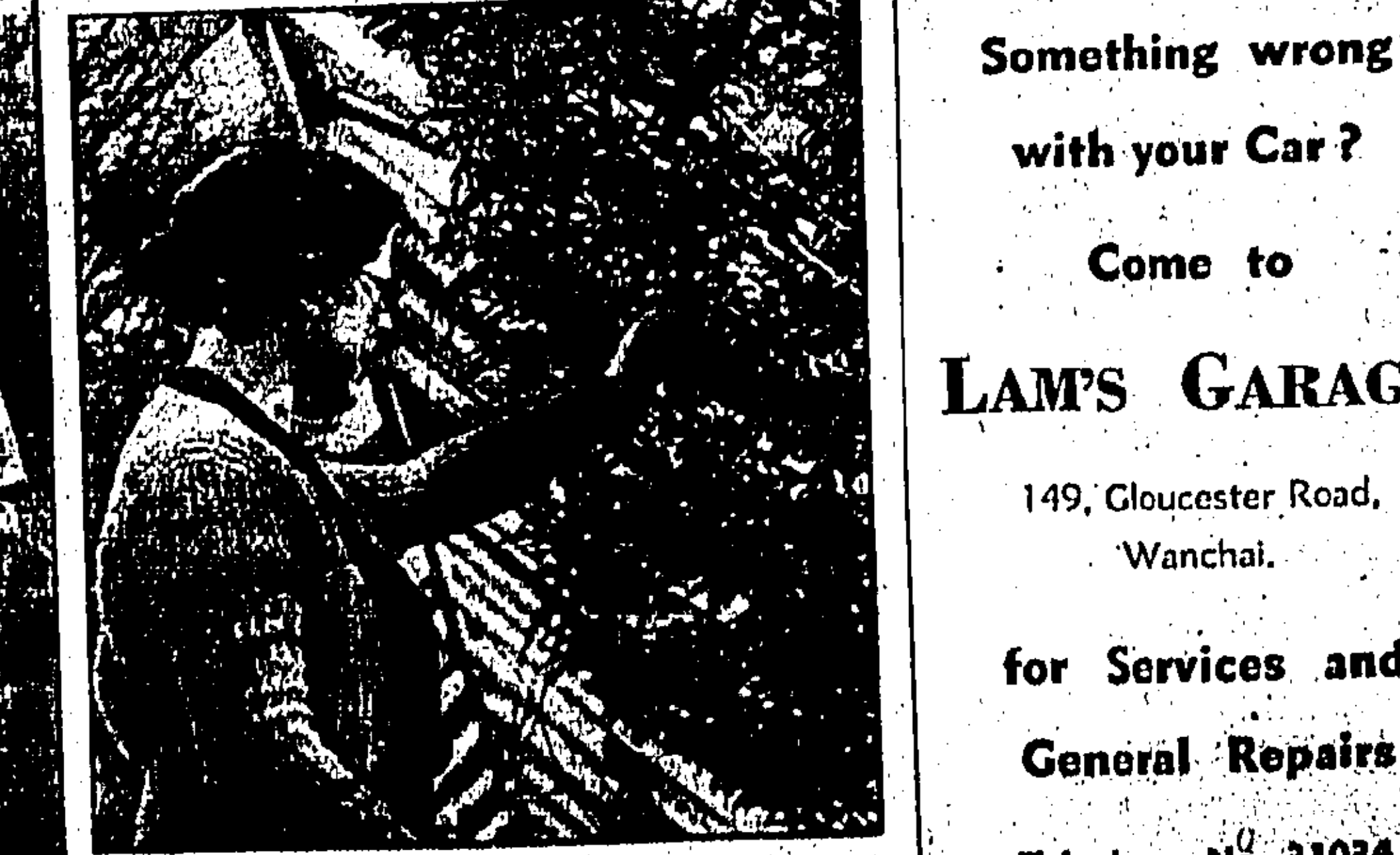
So on this page we herald Miss Amos, the Bordon fruit farmer, already famous as the grower of the best dessert apples in the British Empire. Thirty acres under her skill keep seven men and ten women in regular employ. Twelve years ago only two men and a boy earned a scanty livelihood on that plot.

And her near neighbour is the veteran farmer, Mrs. Campion, whose magnificent team of Jersey cows provides the richest milk of the highest "attested" grade for ten villages round at just the customary price of the commonest milk.

Again, Miss Joan Edwards, the girl market gardener, whose aim it is to send up to London's market a lorry-load of vegetable produce every working day. Miss Edwards, petite, vital, business-like, keeps 400 acres along the Suffolk-Norfolk borders in a high state of cultivation. And, as she says, the job keeps her out of London.



Miss Ladyman and (below) Miss Hay. They are "endowed with an affection for the young."



Two of Miss Amos' ten women workers, Mrs. Otterwell, the bee-keeper, and Miss Grosse (right) thinning out a peach tree.

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in taste is well recognized, and it
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the current season's offerings.
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tinguished Gathering" is as skillfully
produced as its immediate predecessor
"French Without Tears" is bound to
provoke discussion. Popular opinion
will most likely end it wanting.

"Distinguished Gathering" is harder
to produce than "French Without
Tears" because there are qualities
lacking in its authorship. Mr. James
Parish, striving to avoid an obvious
faute, flaunts morality and bluffs an
intelligently constructive Scotland
Yard investigation into a strange con-
clusion, to provide a dramatic twist.
One feels that it was a twist con-
ceived only at the last minute by an
author apparently appalled by the
threat of a mundane, logical finish.

CLEVER FIRST ACT

The cleverest writing is in the first
act. The plot is splendidly unfolded,
and neither of the succeeding acts can
approach it in dramatic composition
and texture. An exhilarating pace is
set, but unfortunately not maintained.

The players strive manfully, even
if at intervals, rather insincerely,
with their complex characters. Nigel
Waymouth seems to have captured
the spirit of the author, and after
his stimulating work in the first
act, one impatiently awaits subse-
quent appearances. He is supremely
confident in the role and certainly in-
vests it with distinction.

GENERAL LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE

Beyond Waymouth, there is a gen-
eral level of excellence by the re-
mainder of the cast, with nobody par-
ticularly outstanding.

Beth Smith-Wright makes the
most of a "silly" role, Ruth Shake-
peare runs dangerously near the
border line of over-statement in a
most exciting part, but withal
emerges with well-deserved honours
while Maurice Barton gives one
of the best performances of
the evening. There is hardly
enough of Smith-Wright; his pre-
sence on the stage is so vital, that
one very much regrets his early de-
mise. Gelson Gilmore offers an
exceedingly fine study, and play-
goers will look forward to seeing him
again.

H. H. Joseph carries out a rather
dreary police investigation with a
marked degree of ability and a pro-
per sense of authority, but this
scene is without question the weakest
work of the author, and the whole
dialogue suggests "padding."

The cast as a whole play their
parts intelligently and with en-
thusiasm, but the author has in-
troduced too many characters to give
them all a fair opportunity. Im-
pressive lines are few and far be-
tween, and for the most part the
characters have to depend on
monosyllabic interpolations.

The play has a fair amount of
action and plenty of drama. The
players, well schooled by enthusiastic
producer Charles Burton, get the
most from it, and it is a production
well worth seeing.—S.A.G.

STOP PRESS NEWS

JAPANESE ATTACK JUNKMEN

An attack by a Japanese motor
trawler on a Chinese junk just out-
side of Hongkong waters has been
reported to the local police by Cheung
Yau-ii, 52, master of a fishing junk,
who states that on May 17 he was
fishing with two sampans west of
Sai Tau, when a Japanese trawler
came from the direction of Taisan.
The Japanese boarded one of the
sampans on which were three men
and a woman. The woman hid her-
self underneath some sails and was
undetected, but the three men were
taken off by the Japanese to Lintin,
where, it is alleged, two of them
Cheung Fuk-tai and Cheung Lai-pai
were killed.

The third man, Cheung Kai, was
badly wounded, but he was rescued
by relatives and taken into Hongkong
waters, where he was handed over
to the No. 3 police launch. The
man is now in Kowloon Hospital,
and his condition is said to be
serious.

JAPANESE ADVANCE CLAIMED

Shanghai, May 19.
Japanese reports claim that Japan-
ese troops captured Changchun,
four miles from Hsuehchow, at 6.10
p.m. last night.

An hour earlier another Japanese
column fought its way through the
streets to strong Chinese positions in
Sushien, the important city 20 miles
south of Hsuehchow, on the Tientsin-
Pukow railway. The town was com-
pletely occupied by the Japanese
troops, according to a communique
from field headquarters.

Reports regarding the capture of
Changchun state that the Japan-
ese troops made a dash from Pawan-
shan under cover of heavy artillery
fire.

Other Japanese reports from the
Hsuehchow front declare that Japan-
ese units are steadily advancing to-
wards Hsuehchow along the Tungkuang
highway.—Reuter.

HERTZOG GAINS IN ELECTIONS IN S. AFRICA

Capetown, May 18.
There have been several surprises
in the South African elections, which
were held yesterday.

Early city returns disclose that all
urban centres, excepting Durban,
voted solidly for the Government, and
should the rural areas follow suit, the
coalition is assured of a majority
beyond its expectations.

An early surprise was the defeat
of Mr. C. W. Coulter, Deputy Leader
of the Dominion Party, by Mr. B. K.
Long, the United Party candidate.
Mr. Coulter has been defeated in the
constituency by an unexpectedly
large majority.

Mr. W. B. Madoley, Leader of the
Labour Party, has been returned in
the Benoni electorate against the
combined opposition of United Party
and Nationalist candidates.

Three Union Party members of
the Cabinet in the last parliament
have been re-elected. They are the
Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, Minister of
Mines, Hon. O. Pirow, Minister of
Railways and Defence, and the Hon.
R. Stuttaford, Minister of the Interior.
The Nationalist Government suffered
a slight reverse at Durban,
where the strong British element de-
feated two United Party candidates
and elected Dominion Party candi-
dates.—Reuter.

Still Hold Chuyai

Hankow, May 19.
Despite most intense Japanese
aerial bombardments, which have
been almost incessant since May 9,
the Chinese forces are holding out at
Chuyai, according to Chinese reports.
Japanese forces from Yantai are
steadily pushing southwards towards
Fenshen, and a Japanese column
which succeeded in capturing
Kingslang is said to have advanced
southward, reaching a point ap-
proximately twelve miles north-west
of Shanshen.

After a severe attack by the Chinese
the Japanese were forced to retire.
A Japanese detachment reached
Laihuang station, on the Lunghai
Railway, but later withdrew in the
face of overwhelming Chinese odds,
the defenders attacking the Japanese
from every side. Laihuang is east of
Lanfung.—Reuter.

No Right To Wear Uniform

Abdul Aziz Rumjahn, aged 18, was
fined \$25, or one month's imprison-
ment by Mr. R. H. Butters at the
Central Magistracy this morning for
causing the uniform of the Hongkong
Volunteer Defence Corps, at Day View
on May 17, although he is not a mem-
ber of the Volunteers.

Captain S. S. Hedgcock was the
complainant, and Sgt. McKay in
evidence said that defendant had no
money, was unemployed and had no
clothes. He borrowed the uniform
from a Volunteer to have his photo-
graph taken, and did not return it.
He had been seen seen wandering
around in the uniform. There was a
previous conviction for embezzele-
ment.

Accused admitted the charge, as
well as the conviction for embezzele-
ment.

NEW AIRCRAFT CARRIER FOR AMERICAN NAVY

Washington, May 18.
Mr. Carl Vinson, Democrat Mem-
ber of the House for Georgia and
Chairman of the House Committee on
Naval Affairs, has sought presidential
approval for the appropriation of suf-
ficient money to immediately con-
struct the aircraft carrier authorised by
the Naval Expansion Act.

The Expansion Act became law
this week when it was signed by the
President.

"We need this additional aircraft
carrier," said Mr. Vinson, in express-
ing the hope that the Navy Depart-
ment would support his request.—
United Press.

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FIGHTING IN HSUCHOW'S STREETS

WITHDRAWAL OF CHINESE REPORTED

Frightful Scenes In Shell-Torn City

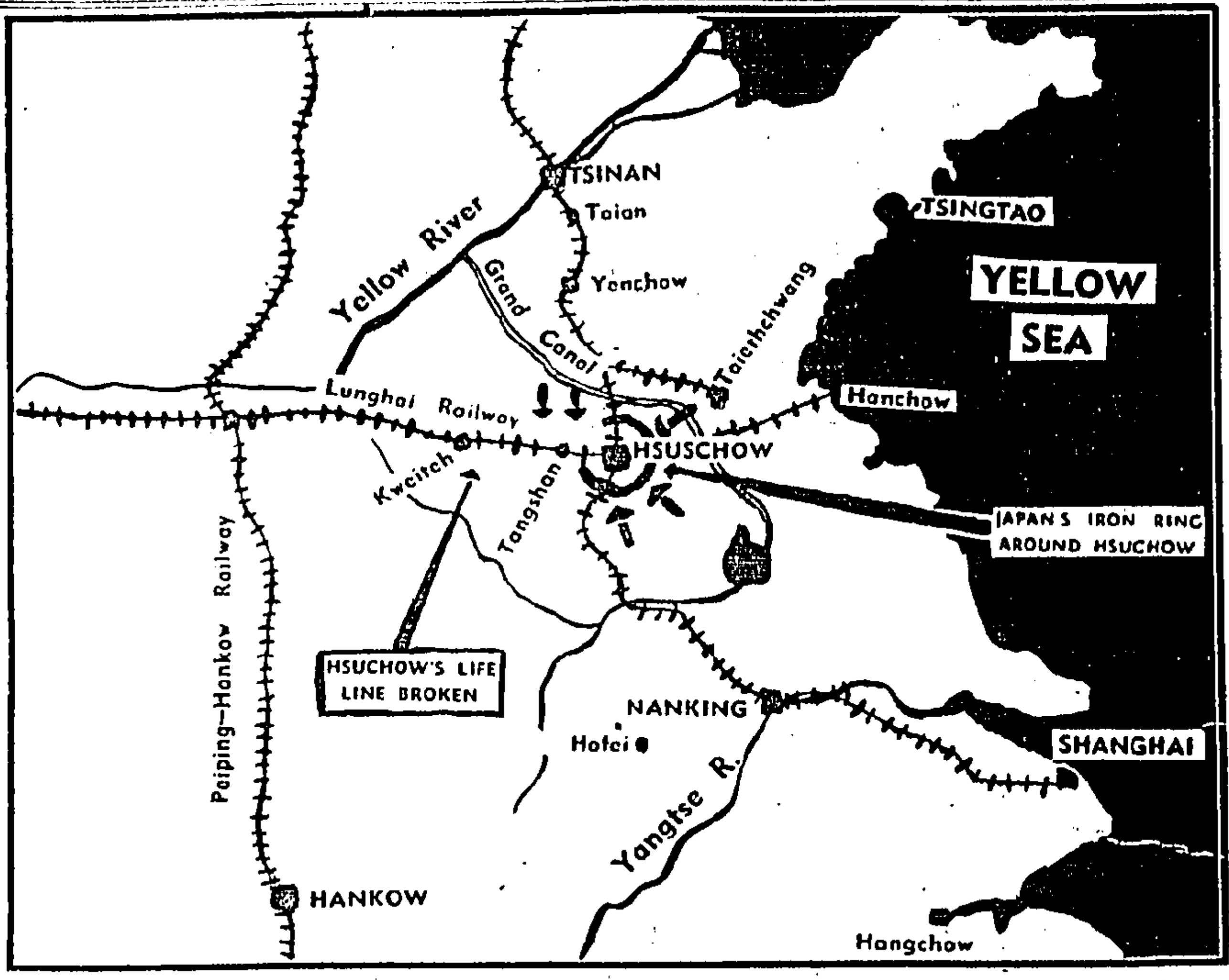
Shanghai, May 19.
The correspondent of the Osaka *Mainichi* with the Japanese forces at Hsueh reports that the entire western wall has now been occupied.
Bitter hand-to-hand fighting is now proceeding in the centre of the city.
A Japanese spokesman states that the Chinese forces defending Hsueh have begun a general withdrawal through the south-western gates of the city.
The Osaka *Mainichi* correspondent with the Japanese forces at Hsueh reports that the Japanese have seized and entered the west gate, and additional forces are now pouring into the city.

Shanghai, May 19.
The Domei message adds that the western suburbs of Hsueh present a scene of almost indescribable horror.
Hundreds of men are writhing in pain and groaning among the debris of the littered streets, which have been continuously blasted for the past fortnight, first by aeroplane bombs and latterly by direct artillery bombardment.
A detachment of the Morozumi Regiment claims the distinction of being the first to reach the western wall, the detachment leading the bayonet charge on the Chinese trenches.—*United Press*.
BAYONET CHARGE SUCCEEDS
Shanghai, May 19, 9.13 a.m.
Japanese infantry charged and occupied the western outskirts of Hsueh, the strategic junction of the Tientsin-Pukow (Nanking) and Lunghai Railways, to-day.
Occupation was effected at 8 o'clock this morning.—*Domei*.

Confidence Unshaken
Hankow, May 18.
In contrast to the atmosphere of pessimism and uncertainty which has prevailed during the past few days in Chinese circles here regarding the situation in the Hsueh area, distinct signs of confidence and optimism were seen yesterday.
This change is largely due to reports that Japanese raids on the Lunghai Railway are not as serious as was at first believed.
Japanese detachments which cut the Lunghai Railway at many points west of Hsueh are said to have been composed of only a small number of men. They were not followed up by large forces and are reported to have been quickly repulsed by the Chinese troops guarding the railway line.
A Japanese detachment which appeared at Fawanshan, seven miles south-west of Hsueh, comprised less than 200 men, the communiqué states.
Regarding reports that Japanese (Continued on Page 7.)

Occupation Complete By Night?
Shanghai, May 19.
A Domei report says that the Japanese troops were in full occupation of the central, western, eastern and northern parts of Hsueh city at 10 a.m., only the southern section still being in Chinese hands.
Numerous fires are raging throughout the city, and the western section is a complete shambles, reduced to dust as a result of the continuous Japanese bombardment.
The Japanese military authorities predict that the city will be completely occupied before nightfall.—*United Press*.

Loyalists Strike Suddenly, Hurl Back Insurgents



This map shows where some of the hardest fighting of the Sino-Japanese conflict is raging. It is reported from Japanese sources that Hsueh has been entered and occupation of the city is expected to be completed by nightfall. The Chinese, fighting bravely, are allegedly in retreat. Chinese sources belittle the Japanese reports of successes.

200 Casualties In Canton-Hankow Crash

Line Blocked For Two Days
Canton, May 19.
A tragic train collision on the Canton-Hankow Railway on the night of May 18, in which more than 200 persons, including passengers and railway staff, were killed and injured, is revealed.
The collision occurred at Milokang, a station about 73 kilometres north of Changsha, between a southbound train from Wuchang and a northbound freight train from Canton.
Owing to darkness, rescue work was greatly hampered.
Salvage work was still going on up till noon on May 17 and over 100 bodies had been extricated.
Traffic on the whole line was disrupted yesterday and the day before as the wreckage was not yet cleared.
The railway authorities have not yet disclosed the cause of the collision, but it is learned that one or two station masters have been arrested.—*Central News*.

Fifty Stores Destroyed In Peiping Blaze

Peiping, May 19.
A fire, the origin of which is unknown, broke out at 10 a.m. yesterday at the Japanese Military Headquarters' dump near the railway station.
Flames spread to adjoining lumber yards and spread to a vacant lot adjoining the Peiping Fire Brigade headquarters.
The fire blazed fiercely for over six hours before it was brought under control.
Many stores were damaged.—*United Press*.
DUKE ST. THEFT
Mrs. Jackson, of 14 Duke Street, has reported to the police that a silver cigarette box and a silver ash tray, valued at \$50, have been stolen from her house.

CHINESE MAKING SWIFT PROGRESS IN SHANSI DRIVE

Tungkwan, May 19.
Following the occupation of another height to the immediate east of Yungtsi, in the south-west corner of Shansi, the Chinese are now pounding away at the Japanese in the city below.
Recapture of the city, which is held by only some 300 Japanese soldiers, is believed imminent.
In Hotsing, north-east of Yungtsi, the Chinese have further tightened their steel ring around the city.
Violent fighting is still raging at Yuncheng, north-east of Chiehhsien, Linfen and Linshih, with the Chinese gaining the upper hand.

JAPANESE SEVERELY DEFEATED

Liuan, May 19.
Sporadic fighting is taking place on the north bank of the Hwai River.
Many Japanese were slain by the explosion of mines laid by the Chinese at Sungtung, north of Ki-cheng on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway on May 17. Preceded by tanks, over 20 truckloads of Japanese troops were approaching the Chinese lines when the mines were exploded. In the confusion Chinese troops hiding in their trenches rushed out and attacked, inflicting heavy casualties. Six Japanese trucks and two motor cars were captured.
In a counter-attack on Taoyuantai, 25 kilometres south of Suhsien recently the Chinese dispersed the Japanese and broke into their military headquarters. Five Japanese officers and 600 soldiers were slain. A Chinese regimental commander Tso Ke-yi, a brigadier commander Keng Hsi-tsun, and many Chinese troops were also killed.
Fighting on the south bank of the Hwai River is confined to the Hotel.—(Continued on Page 7.)

MIAJA COMMANDING NEW OFFENSIVE IN WAR-TORN CATALAN

Desperate Effort Aimed At Preventing Attack On Key City, Valencia

Hendaye, May 18.
General Jose Miaja, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Loyalist Armies and famed as the H'ndenburg of Madrid, has personally taken over command of the Government forces in the Catalan area, where Loyalists were driven back to the Mediterranean by the Insurgents last month.
The change has had almost immediate results. Commanding 80,000 Loyalists entrenched on a 90-mile front, General Miaja has turned the tide along the Mediterranean by a surprise attack on General Aranda's Insurgent forces on the seaboard.
The Loyalists have split a wide gap in the Insurgent lines, capturing three towns, one of which is Encarnio, which the Insurgent's captured last week.

JAPANESE FINANCIAL COLLAPSE PREDICTED

"Financial Times" Sees Writing On Wall
London, May 18.
In a leading article regarding the Chinese default on Shanghai-Nanking Railway bonds and the weakness of the Chinese dollar, the *Financial Times* says this morning that any assumption that the Chinese economic system is becoming so impoverished that further prosecution of the war might soon be impossible is certainly premature.
"The most that the weakening Chinese dollar means is that the Chinese Government may have to pay more for its supplies of war materials."
"It cannot mean that the end of Chinese resistance is near. All the signs point to a protracted struggle, lasting perhaps for years."
"The implications of this for the economic system of Japan is most serious. The size of Japan's budget deficit is already staggering, and although totalitarian economy can bear a tremendous strain, it cannot indefinitely finance an expenditure of such magnitude."
"The implications for China are too far-reaching. Fighting a long war on guerrilla and partisan lines might well lead, especially if the Chinese are ultimately successful, to a recrudescence of Nationalist feeling and the emergence of a more united China."—*Reuter*.

Japan Feels Pinch
Tokyo, May 19.
In view of the ever increasing demand, both for munitions and for industrial purposes, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is making preparations to control civilian consumption of non-ferrous metals.
It is presumed that zinc, tin and lead, but not aluminium, are included.—*Domei*.
WOMAN ASSAULTED, HOSPITALLED
A woman named Tong Shu-mul, of Reclamation Street, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries which, she alleged, had been caused by two or more men who had assaulted her.

In continuous heavy fighting above this city, General Miaja is seeking to disrupt the Insurgent organisation and prevent General Aranda from striking southwards to Valencia from Castellon de Aplana, which was captured by the Insurgents last week.
The remainder of General Miaja's troops are spread in the mountains, from where they are launching repeated guerrilla attacks on the new Insurgent positions. The Insurgents, however, are reported to have inflicted heavy losses on these forces.

CALLED TO COLOURS
At a Council of War yesterday, Miaja, who celebrated his sixtieth birthday a fortnight ago, ordered the immediate transfer to the Catalan front of all troops based in the south, and has called for the immediate training of all men, aged between 17 and 33, who have not yet been mobilised.
This drastic step has been taken in an effort to halt the Insurgent advance before motorised columns can proceed inland and reach the Plains of Valencia.
Meanwhile, in the sector closest to Teruel, the Insurgents are reported to be within seven miles of Mora de Rubielos.—*United Press*.
General Miaja has been supreme military commander of the Central and Madrid fronts since his heroic defence of Madrid, which turned back General Franco's forces when they were actually within the city limits.

STOP PRESS

FIVE NEW CASES OF MEASLES

Five new cases of measles were reported to the Health Authorities yesterday. Four were from the city of Victoria.
There were two new notifications of smallpox, bringing the total to 2,258, and additionally the authorities received reports of three cases of enteric fever, two of dysentery, and one case of meningitis and typhus.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS MAY REACH SHANGHAI

Proposals Under Consideration

London, May 18. A proposal to encourage the establishment of a British air service to encircle the South China Sea, and to extend the England-Hongkong service to Shanghai, was made at question time in the House of Commons to-night.

Capt. Harold Balfour, the new Under Secretary of State for Air, promised that both these projects would be considered in connection with the planning of British air services overseas.—Reuter.

Double Subsidy

London, May 18. Sir Kingsley Wood, making his debut as Secretary of State for Air, was cheered in the Commons today on rising to move the second reading of the Air Navigation Bill.

This Bill gives effect to those parts of the Cadman Report, which were accepted by the Government, and in particular authorises increases from £1,500,000 to £3,000,000 maximum subsidies to air transport.

Additional financial assistance is to be given on routes outside Europe, and will amount to about £1,000,000. A greater part of this will be concentrated on Empire routes.

As to European routes, the Minister stated some £4,000,000 would be devoted to improved services. Daily British services were already in operation to Paris, Brussels, Copenhagen and Stockholm. Rome was already served by the Empire route.

It was now planned to establish daily services in addition to Berlin, Amsterdam, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Oslo and London, and an all-year-round service to Switzerland.

Sir Kingsley Wood also spoke of plans for the development of a medium-weight all-metal air-liner, which will be on the market early next year, and of other types of machines for the longer European and trans-Atlantic routes.

He announced a subsidy to internal air services of £100,000 in payments increasing progressively over the next four years.

The Labour Opposition moved the rejection of the Bill on the grounds that Air Transport should be nationalised, but the Second Reading was carried by 173 votes to 100.—British Wireless.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton		
	Opening	Closing
July	8.65/85	8.65/85
October	8.72/72	8.71/71
December	8.74/74	8.74/74
Jan. (1939)	8.75/75	8.75/75
March (1939)	8.82/82	8.81/81
May (1939)	8.85/85	8.80/80
Spot		8.65
New York Rubber		
May	11.85b/80a	11.85b/80a
July	11.90b/12.00a	11.94b/89a
September	12.10b/15a	12.09/08
December	12.31/30	12.26/25
March		12.45/45
Sales for the day: 450 tons		
The last Notice Day for May Rubber is May 26.		
Chicago Wheat		
May	76 3/4/76 3/4	76 3/4/76 3/4
July	76 3/4/76 3/4	76 3/4/76 3/4
Sept.	76 3/4/76 3/4	76 3/4/76 3/4
Tuesday's Sales: 23,230,000 bushels		
The last Notice Day for May Grains is May 20.		
Chicago Corn		
May	57 1/2/57 1/2	57 1/2/57 1/2
July	58 1/2/58 1/2	58 1/2/58 1/2
Sept.	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat		
May	113 1/2/113 1/2	114 1/4/114 1/4
July	102 3/4/102 3/4	102 3/4/102 3/4
Oct.	84 1/2/84 1/2	84 1/2/84 1/2
The last Notice Day for May Winnipeg Wheat is May 31.		

NEGLECTED STOMACH PAINS

may end in DANGEROUS OPERATIONS!

Many a stomach sufferer has had to submit to the surgeon's knife—because he neglected stomach pains—pains that came on after eating. He dismissed these little twinges as nothing more than ordinary indigestion—and paid the price of his neglect.

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Two Youths Charged With Grave Crime

Taxi Driver Turned Out To Be Boxer; Assault Failed

An attack on a taxi-driver at Shatin about midnight on April 28 had a sequel at the Criminal Sessions this morning when a 17-year-old Mancunian, Albert Joseph Maria Kwock-wai, alias Walter Thompson, aged 15, was charged with assault with intent to rob. First accused pleaded guilty but the second denied the charge. The latter, however, admitted another count of assaulting the taxi-driver.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, and the second prisoner was defended by Mr. G. She, on the instructions of Mr. F. I. Zimmerman.

The following comprised the jury: Messrs. C. Weston (Foreman), T. Ferguson, K. R. Quick, Chau Yau-tu, and H. J. H. White.

Mr. Williams stated that about 9.45 p.m. on April 28, in response to a telephone message, Leung Che drove his taxi to Lion Rock Road, where he was boarded by both accused, who told him to drive to Shatin. On the way, second accused asked the driver to go to Pak Wah Street, Shamshuipo, first, as he wanted to look for a friend. He returned a few minutes later and said the friend had gone out.

The party then proceeded to Shatin and on arriving at Sheung Wo Che Village, the driver was told to stop. Second accused got out, saying he was going to look for a friend, and as he was leaving the taxi, the driver noticed he was carrying a long parcel, apparently heavy.

WAITING FOR FRIEND

About three minutes later, Tam returned and was heard to say the friend had gone to Hongkong. He then sat with Xavier at the back, and after talking for some time, one of them told the driver they would wait for the friend until midnight. On hearing this, the driver put his feet on the seat and closed his eyes but did not go to sleep.

Shortly after, he received two blows at the back of the head, apparently inflicted with a heavy instrument, and at the same time felt two hands upon him from behind. The driver was strong and active, having been a boxer, and he struck out with all his might, whereupon his assailants jumped out of the car and fled. After a short chase, the driver returned to his taxi, as he was feeling the effects of the blows, and drove the car to the Shatin railway station where he communicated with the Police.

BLAMES XAVIER

Certain things were later found inside the taxi, and on May 7, Tam went to the Kowloon City Police Station with his mother. When he was formally charged he put all the blame on Xavier at whose instructions, he said, they assaulted the driver in order to escape the consequences of being unable to pay the fare.

Leung Chun, the driver, gave evidence, and on being cross-examined, denied having demanded the fare when he was told to wait until midnight.

Evidence of having received a certain suggestion from Tam was given by F. Rivers, a Peruvian. Mr. She objected to the details of the conversation, which were in the nature of a suggestion to commit a robbery on a taxi-driver, being given; and the jury was told to leave the Court while the law on this point was being argued.

Counsel submitted that such evidence could not be used to prove that, because two months ago his client had made a suggestion to rob, it had any connection with the actual robbery itself; it could only prove a system or criminal intent.

Mr. Williams contended that it showed active preparation—looking round for people to assist him in an actual robbery.

HIS LORDSHIP RULES

His Lordship: Assuming that the witness was told of the suggestion on the way to the alleged crime as possible, would it not be a fair comment for me to make to the

UKRAINE REVOLT REVEALED

Political Murders Are Frequent

Moscow, May 19. New light is thrown on the extensive subterranean activities of the Ukrainian Nationalists by the official Moscow admission that 217 Communist functionaries were murdered in the Ukraine during the months of February and March alone. It is also admitted that the Ukraine conspiracy to break away from Moscow has already resulted in whole series of minor revolts throughout this part of the Soviet Union.

M. Chruschoff, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Ukraine, is reported to have informed the Party Secretary of the Kiev region that during last February 164 activists, young Communists and Trade Unionists were disposed of by plotters. From the same source it is learnt that during the same period the Soviet Secret Police unearched with the assistance of the Ukrainian People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs no less than three organisations pledged to fight for Ukrainian independence and eight other groups inspired by counter-revolutionary aims. The number of arrests made in the Ukraine during the months of February and March is believed to amount to several thousands, although official quarters remain reticent on this point. Terrorist acts against Soviet officers likewise showed an increase during March when, according to a despatch, 22 functionaries were slain in the Dniepropetrovsk district.

In Gorlovka three Party functionaries and one Trade Union functionary were slain whilst engaged in combating sabotage in the factories.

In the Dniepropetrovsk district there were several political murders. Another victim of the plotters was the State Attorney, Katichinski, of Kiev. He was assassinated as he was leaving the prison.

Meanwhile the Soviet secret police is making strenuous efforts to suppress this anti-Bolshevik movement in the Ukraine. The Deputy Chief of the secret police, Belisk, has sent to the Dniepropetrovsk district to investigate the situation and to reorganise the secret police in that area.—Trans-Ocean.

Peiping Will Celebrate Hsuehchow's Fall

—BY ORDER

Peiping, May 19. The Japanese are making full preparations to stage a huge public celebration as soon as the fall of Hsuehchow is announced.

The celebrations, which are planned for the day after Hsuehchow falls, will include a huge parade of school children and other Chinese residents, with banners and slogans.

The entire city will be decorated, bands will play "victory" music, public lectures will be given. The Japanese have even planned a series of plays in celebration of the occasion.—United Press.

Jury that boys of the age of the prisoner are prone to think of escapades of this kind through having read or heard that other persons had been known to do these things? I feel I would not be justified in putting the case in a higher level than have just stated. Boys of his age are prone to think of such foolish escapades through seeing films which they should not see, for instance.

Mr. Williams: I do not wish to press that this evidence should be heard. I am prepared to rest my case without it.

His Lordship: My ruling then is that though strictly speaking the evidence is admissible as indicating a criminal tendency, on my suggestion you are not offering it.

Mr. Williams: Yes. Mr. R. H. E. Marks, A.S.P., said that Tam was picked out by the driver at an identification parade. The case is proceeding.

Act With Prudence, Foreigners Are Warned

Japanese War Office Issues Communiqué

Tokyo, May 18. A War Office communiqué issued to-day re-emphasises that the Japanese Army in China is doing its utmost to protect the lives and property of Third Power nationals.

The communiqué recalls that General Orders were issued some time ago for a careful investigation of foreign properties as possible attack sites.

The Chinese are taking advantage of every opportunity to impair Japanese relations with foreign Powers, the communiqué states. They are using foreign property when this is possible, and are also attacking and kidnapping, sometimes killing, foreign people. Such actions on the part of the Chinese are frequent.

The communiqué charged that Italians and Germans, who were connected with Japan through the anti-Comintern Agreement, were terrorised by the Chinese.

The communiqué recalls the Battle of Fengyang on February 17, charging that the Chinese constructed positions against the American-owned Church. In the Battle of Linyi, alleges the communiqué, the Chinese troops were entrenched around religious buildings owned by foreigners. As a result, the Japanese attackers were hampered, and suffered heavy and unnecessary losses.

The communiqué recalled the previous request to foreigners not to permit Chinese to use their properties, and also the Foreign Office request to Foreign Powers to arrange for the evacuation of their nationals from the danger areas.

"We hope that foreigners residing in the danger areas in China will recognise the intentions of the Japanese Army, and will behave themselves with prudence in order to ward off any untoward incidents."—United Press.

Collecting For Charities

LED TO COURT

Two unemployed Chinese, Fong Tim, 38, and Fok Hoi, 38, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macdadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with having taken part in a collection of money in a public place for charitable society without permission of the Commissioner of Police.

It was stated on May 17 at Tai Nam Street on information. They had been going around places and asking for money for a celebration in connection of the feast of the god "Kwan Ti."

They were fined \$10 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, reads: Buyers were more in evidence at prices under quotations, but for the present sellers are not disposed to trade.

Sales
H.K. Steamboats 22 1/2
Venz. Goldfield 22.00
H.K. Lands 4 1/2 debentures 50 1/2
Peak Tram (Old) 37
H.K. Electric 30 1/2
Macao Electric 17 1/2
Dairy Farms 22 1/2
Construction 15 1/2
Marrum (G.L.) 3/10
Buyers
H.K. & K. Wharves 137
H.K. Lands 27
H.K. Tramways 117/10.00
Star Ferries 40 1/2
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Proceedings Under Anti-Trust Law

Washington, May 18. The Department of Justice has announced that it is instituting proceedings against the Chrysler Motor Corporation and the Ford Motor Company under the anti-trust Act.

The two companies will be charged with coercing car-dealers by requiring car purchases to be financed by their affiliated finance companies.

It will be recalled that a previous attempt to obtain Grand Jury indictments against General Motors Corporation, Ford Company and the Chrysler Corporation ended in a stalemate. These companies have since made numerous proposals for a settlement, by consent, but none of these have satisfied the Department of Justice.—Reuter.

Commons To Discuss Geneva Meeting

London, May 18. Proceedings at the recent meeting of the League Council at Geneva may be raised on the adjournment of the House of Commons to-morrow night.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, in answer to a question to-day, foreshadowed that in that event and in the absence of the Prime Minister, owing to whose indisposition the Air Debate previously fixed for to-morrow has been postponed, he, Sir John Simon would make a statement.—British Wireless.

European Child Bitten By Dog

Mrs. W. Orr, of 2 Luna Buildings, informed the police yesterday that her daughter, aged 4, was bitten by a dog with which she was playing. The child was sent to hospital for treatment, and the dog has been removed for observation.

UNMUZZLED DOG

NETS FINED
Squadron Leader T. Holroyd Smith was fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macdadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for allowing his dog to be abroad at Chatham Road without a muzzle.

It was stated that the animal was inoculated.

Extermination Of Palestine Rebels Sought

Jerusalem, May 19. It is understood a scheme to secure the complete extermination of defiant rebel gangs in Palestine will be announced.

It calls for stronger British military control in certain areas in Central and Northern Palestine.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S ACUMEN LEADS TO ARREST

Charged with obtaining money by means of a false document, Li Kan, a man was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy to-day.

The defendant was said to have taken a letter to a Chinese woman resident of Cause Road on May 17, and was arrested.

On reading the letter the woman became suspicious and, under pretence of washing her face, left the house and blew her police whistle. An Indian constable made the arrest. The defendant was not the writer of the letter, but he admitted to the police that he knew that it was false.



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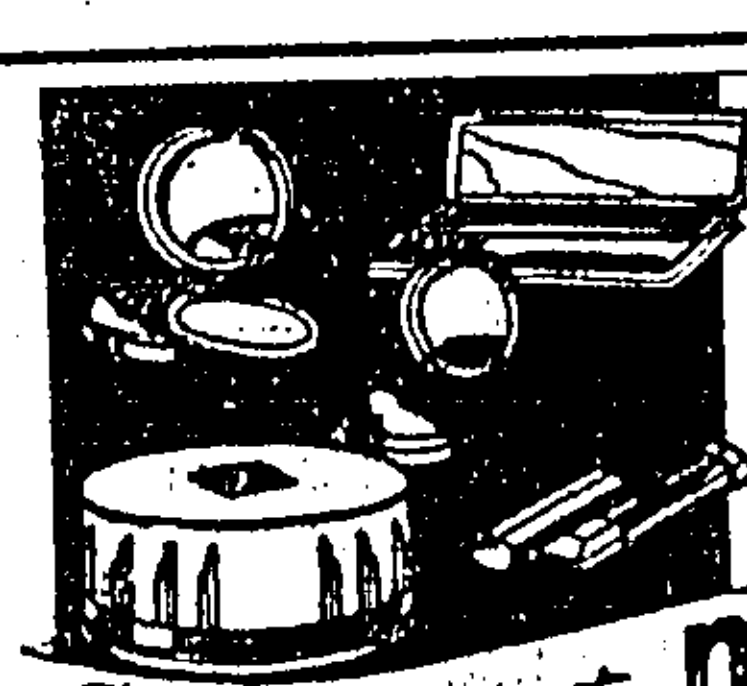
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Franco-Italian Tension Thrives on Rumour

ITALIANS SUSPECT FRENCH CONTINUE TO AID LOYALISTS

Lord Perth Apparently Trying to Make Peace

Rome, May 18.

Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, had a meeting with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister to-day, which authoritative quarters describe as a routine affair, but which is believed to be connected with the Italo-French tension.

This strained state between the two powers has arisen, it is stated, owing to the Italian belief that France is supplying large quantities of arms and munitions to the Barcelona Government.

It is argued in Italy that if this is the case it will help to prolong the Spanish war, while Italy's hands are tied through the agreement with Great Britain.

No meeting has yet occurred between Count Ciano and M. Blondel, the French emissary.

Meanwhile, the Italian press published a strong attack against France and reports that quantities of men and arms and aeroplanes are passing over the frontier into Spain from France, to fight for the Spanish Loyalists.—*Router*.

Italian Suspicion

Paris, May 18. Reports are understood to be current in Italy to the effect that M. Georges Bonnet, French Minister, gave Senor Del Vayo, the Spanish Government's delegate to Geneva, assurances that the Franco-Spanish frontier would not be closed to the passage of arms into Spain.

This allegation is denied here. It is described as just another rumour circulated in order to create difficulties for the Franco-Italian negotiations.

According to well-informed quarters the talks have not been broken off and the question of the French-Spanish frontier has never been discussed in the Rome conversations between M. Blondel and Count Ciano.—*Reuter*.

Negotiations Suspended

Paris, May 19. The Franco-Italian negotiations have been suspended until further notice, *Trans-Ocean* learns.

The French Charge d'Affaires, M. Blondel, was to have been received yesterday by the Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano who, however, sent a notice to M. Blondel that he could not grant the interview. When M. Blondel inquired whether the con-

JAPANESE ATTACK JUNKMEN

An attack by a Japanese motor trawler on a Chinese junk just outside of Hongkong waters has been reported to the local police by Cheung Yau-ll, 52, master of a fishing junk, who states that on May 17 he was fishing with two sampans west of Sai Tau, when a Japanese trawler came from the direction of Taishan.

The Japanese boarded one of the sampans on which were three men and a woman. The woman hid herself underneath some sails and was undetected, but the three men were taken off by the Japanese to Lintin, where, it is alleged, two of them Cheung Fuk-toi and Cheung Lai-pai were killed.

The third man, Cheung Kai, was badly wounded, but he was rescued by relatives and taken into Hongkong waters, where he was handed over to the No. 3 police launch. The man is now in Kowloon Hospital, and his condition is said to be serious.

A version could be held on Thursday he received the answer that Italy would resume the negotiations with France only when the smuggling of arms and ammunition over the French-Spanish frontier ceased.—*Trans-Ocean*.

FRENCH COLONIAL DEFENCE

BIG RECRUITMENT ENVISAGED

Paris, May 18.

The French Government is seeking a large increase in the number of troops in its Colonies.

It is reported that M. Georges Mandel, the new Minister for Colonies, has asked the Governor of French Indo-China to seek the enlistment of an additional 20,000 men. The Governors of French West Africa and Equatorial Africa have been requested to enlist a further 50,000 men.

The report states that the main object is to ask the Colonies for a bigger effort towards National Defence.

The French Cabinet has approved several new appointments to the high command of the Colonial forces as part of the plan to bring the Colonies into the general scheme of National Defence.

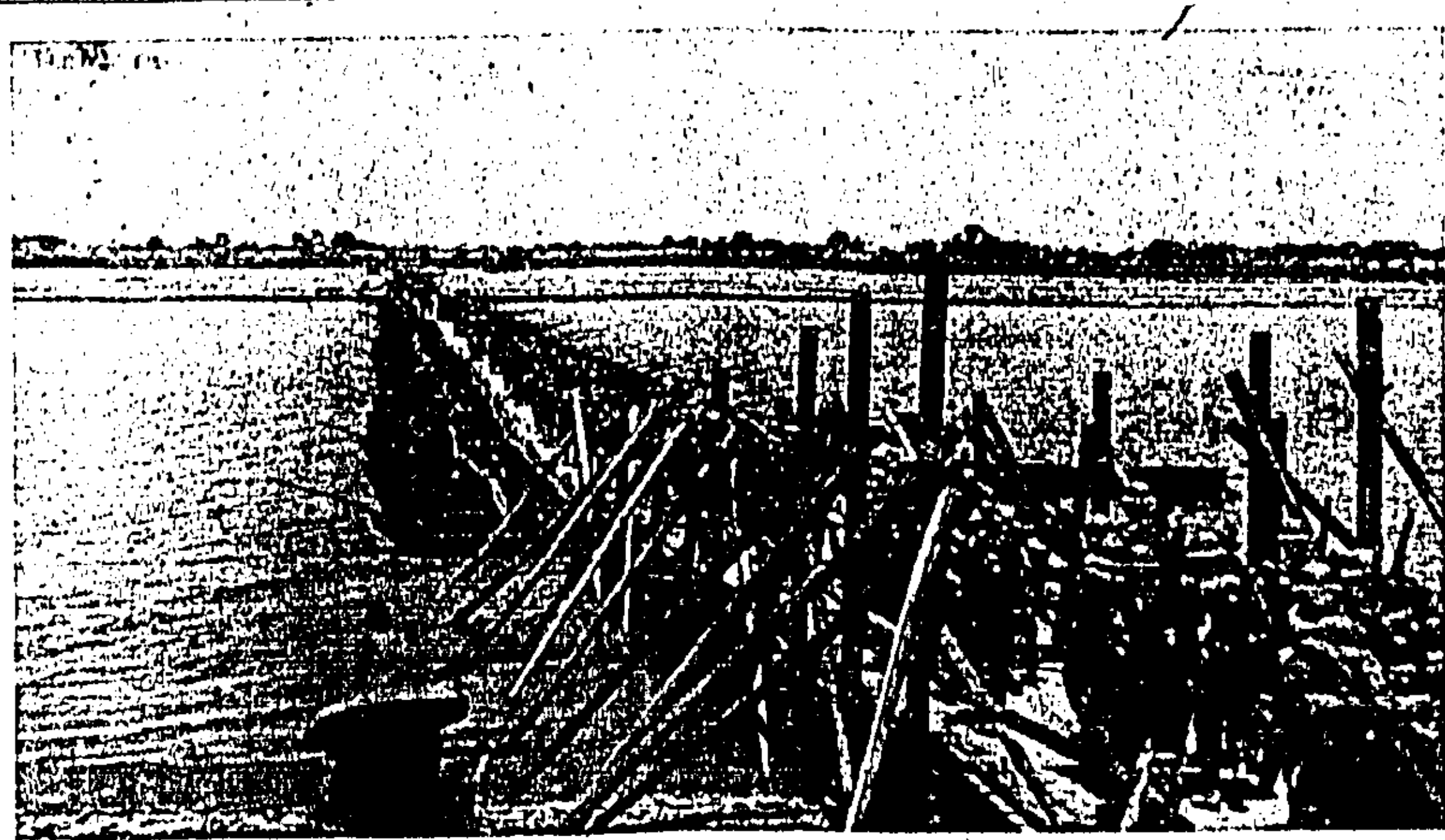
Special measures are being taken to equip the French colonial empire with means of defence apart from mere man power, and also for more intimate relations between French West Africa, Morocco and Algeria, particularly from the viewpoint of communications.—*Reuter Special*.

NEWS AGENCY APPOINTMENTS

London, May 19.

The appointment of Webb Miller, famous diplomatic and war correspondent, as General Manager of the United Press Association in Europe has been announced.

Mr. Harry Flory has been appointed European News Manager.—*United Press*.



A pontoon bridge hastily constructed by Japanese Army engineers across the Hwai River in Anhwei Province enables Infantry to make a surprise attack on the southern Tientsin-Pukow front, south of Hsuechow.—*Press Union Photo*.

Filipinos In U.S. Charge Intimidation

Los Angeles, May 18.

Two hundred Filipino residents, in a petition which the Filipino attorney, Manuel S. Obella, filed with the police were enforcing a drive against the Filipinos.

The petition charges that the police are arresting Filipinos wholesale, and are beating them up, preventing them from assembling and otherwise intimidating them.

The petition demands an immediate cessation of the "brutal beatings."

The Commission has referred the petition to the police and has requested an investigation of the charges.—*United Press*.

STATE AID FOR CIVIL FLYING

London, May 19.

On the occasion of introduction of the bill for financial support of civil aviation, Sir Kingsley Wood made his first speech in the House of Commons as new Air Minister yesterday.

This bill, which was recommended as a result of the Cadman Committee Report on the civil aviation, envisages the increase of State contributions from £1,500,000 to £3,000,000 yearly as a maximum. The Minister declared that this increase was necessary since civil flying in all the other countries was now state supported.

Labour Opposition demanded nationalisation of civil aviation because of its national and international significance.—*Trans-Ocean*.

£25,000,000 LAND DEAL IN WALES

Marquis Of Bute Sells Vast Holdings

London, May 18.

Lord Robert Crichton-Stuart is on route to the United States, allegedly for the purpose of investing the greater share of a sum, reputed to be somewhere in the vicinity of £25,000,000, realised from a sale of the vast holdings of his father, the Marquis of Bute.

The Marquis of Bute is one of the biggest land-holders in the United Kingdom, his property, principally in Scotland and Wales, totalling about 117,000 acres.

The transaction involved in the sale this week of the major portion of this property is probably the largest real estate deal in the history of Britain.

The property involved is in Wales, and includes almost half of the city of Cardiff, which has a population of 225,589 and a rateable value of £1,851,003. Included in the deal is the vast Castle of Cardiff, and the lands on which are constructed the great Barry Docks.

Twenty thousand homes in and around Cardiff, 1,000 shops, 250 hotels and several theatres and cinema houses are included in the deals. In addition, the Marquis has sold large neighbouring agricultural areas, a portion of the town of Penarth, and a number of neighbouring villages.

The famous Cardiff Castle is one of the principal buildings involved in the transaction. It was built in the 11th century.

Cardiff, which is at the mouth of the river Taff, Hummer and Ely, is the port of the South Wales coalfields. It has a municipal area of 223,048 acres.

The Bute estates are chiefly in Scotland and Wales, although extensive property is owned in England, Spain, Morocco, and elsewhere. The most important possession is the beautiful Scottish island of Bute.

The Marquis possesses Spanish art treasures of fabulous wealth, which, before the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, were stored in his Castle of Guadalupe, at San Roque, near Gibraltar. Soon after the civil war commenced the Marquis removed the art treasures to Cardiff Castle.—*United Press*.

Mexico To Close Her Legation

London, May 19.

As a result of the breaking off of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Mexico, it is announced that the Mexican Legation in London will now be closed.

The Minister has left London for Paris, and the archives of the Legation will remain in charge of the Mexican Consul-General.—*Reuter*.

FERRY PASSENGERS SEE THRILLING HARBOUR RESCUE

Passengers on the 10.50 a.m. Star Ferry from Kowloon to Hongkong witnessed the thrilling rescue from the harbour of four men and a woman, occupants of a sampan which had overturned a few minutes beforehand.

It has not been disclosed what caused the sampan to turn turtle. The crew of five, all of whom could swim, were rescued by the launch *Sai Kung*.

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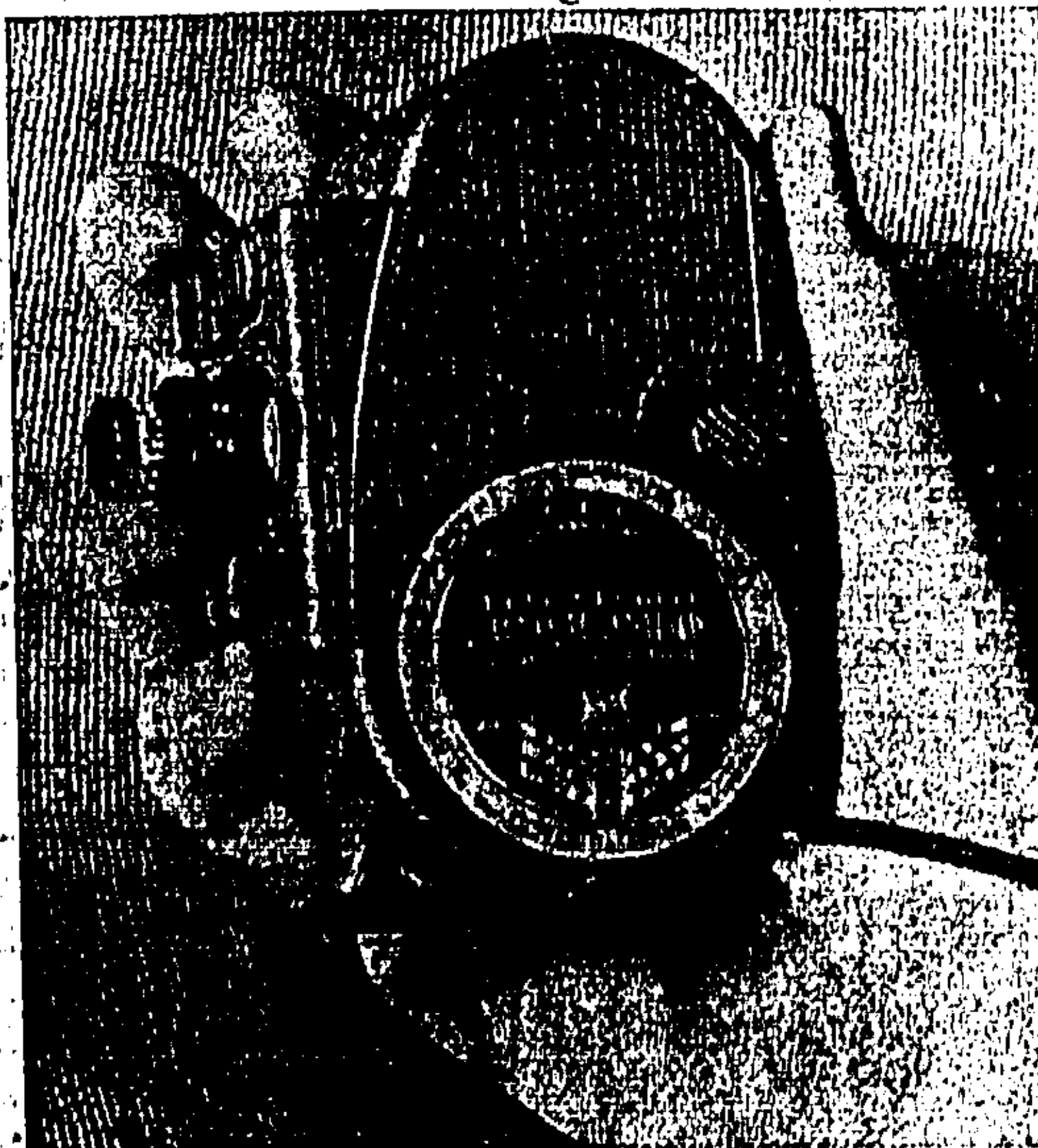
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Oberammergau, May 18.

Anton Lang, who portrayed the Saviour in the famous Oberammergau Passion Plays for over thirty years, is dead.

He was born at Oberammergau in 1875.—United Press.

The Passion Play at Oberammergau, was instituted in 1634 in gratitude for the abatement of a plague and was performed every ten years entirely by the peasants.

Visitors from distant places crowded to see it and there grew up a demand for mementoes. The village was famous for its wood-carving and almost every member of the community produced religious figures and symbols in large numbers.

Lang, however, chose pottery for the production of his figures and plaques, and found eager purchasers in all parts of the world.

He was a bearded man with long flowing hair and fine impressive features and in the 1900 production of the play was chosen for the part of Christ. His delineation of the character was so striking that he was given the part again in 1910 and 1922.

The 1922 performance had been delayed owing to the consequences of the war, during which most of the peasant actors had served in the army. Lang was trained for hospital work, but was not called up.

The community was badly hit by the war and the cost of erecting a new theatre for 1922, combined with a falling off in the demand for their goods, left them in debt for several years.

At one time things were so bad that Lang dismissed his assistants and closed his pottery. In spite of this the village refused American offers of thousands of pounds for the film rights of the Passion Play. They held it to be a sacred duty to respect the religious aspect of the drama and to maintain its local associations. In the 1930 production Lang read the prologue. The play was seen by hundreds of thousands of visitors and the village was able to pay off its debts.

Lang, who spoke excellent English, visited England several times, notably in 1931 when he and his wife were the guests of Mrs de Navarro (Mary Anderson, the famous actress) and were received by the late Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Premier, at Chequers and by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace. A gathering of some of the most distinguished actors, actresses and authors gave Lang a farewell dinner.

Reuter adds that Anton Lang died in hospital at Munich, after undergoing an operation.

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18th May, 1938.**Oil From Coal
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The Government has accepted the recommendations of the Falmouth Committee—a sub-Committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence headed by Lord Falmouth—regarding the production of oil from coal.
The Committee recommended that the policy of depending on imported oil supplies in time of war, with adequate storage, was the most reliable and economical means of providing for an emergency. It was recommended that Government place no reliance in war time on supplies of oil from indigenous sources, and the grant of direct financial assistance for the establishment of further oil-from-coal plants should be discontinued.

The Committee favoured the extension for a further period of twelve years of the guarantee extended to include diesel oil for use in motor vehicles. An increased rate from fourpence to eightpence however, was recommended for this type of fuel.—Reuter.

**REQUIEM MASS
FOR WAR DEAD**A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the soul of the late Mr. Joseph Lo Pa Hong, President of Catholic Action in China, and for all who have fallen during the war, in the Catholic Cathedral this morning by Bishop Valtorta, the Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong.
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Friday

Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Fri., May 20, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Fri., May 20, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kingsun	Fri., May 20, 12.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., May 20, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M." Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 31st May.	Kasima Maru	Fri., May 20.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th June	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
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London, May 18.
The London Stock Exchange was quiet and narrowly irregular. Kaffirs providing the brightest spot, despite the fact that they were somewhat less active towards the close.

Gold-edged were a fraction firmer, and Brazilians and Far Easterns were lower.

Industrials were undecided, but all benefited by continental inquiry. The Commodity and Foreign Exchange continued featureless. *Reuter Special.*

GERMAN PRESS ATTACKS U.S.

Berlin, May 18.
The Berlin newspapers have renewed their attacks on the U.S. Department of State and Wall Street which, they accuse, are causing increased and new tension between Germany and the United States.

The Press attributes developments in Brazil to the recent protest by the Department of State at the Utilisation Degree—United Press.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF H.K. SUGGESTS REALM FOR NEGUS

Church Disagree When Italo-British Pact Discussed by Peers

London, May 18.

The suggestion of a former Governor of Hongkong, Lord Lugard, that Signor Benito Mussolini conceivably might be induced to offer Emperor Haile Selassie some limited area in Abyssinia, with internal autonomy under Italian suzerainty, was commended by the Archbishop of Canterbury during the debate on Foreign Affairs in the House of Lords to-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said it was conceivable that the proposal might be advantageous and not unwelcome to Signor Mussolini himself, providing a condition of such an offer was that the ex-Emperor would forego his royal title, and would do his utmost to restrain organised fighting under recognised chiefs.

Earlier the Archbishop said that nobody viewed with deeper repugnance the Italian invasion of Abyssinia than himself, but no good purpose would be served by recriminations and lamentations. There was much in the agreement between Britain and Italy that many people disliked, but it was at least a step towards the lessening of fear, an increase in confidence in Europe. "I have never made a speech in this House with more distaste, but I cannot believe it is a sacrifice of principles to expediency," he said. "I am not conscious of having made any bargain between my conscience and Mephistopheles."

Bishop Of Durham Disagrees

The session was unusually prolonged. Following the speech by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Durham strongly denounced the recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia.

Lord Halifax, in his reply, said that the fact that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Durham took fundamentally different views on the morality of the question showed to a humble layman like himself the difficulty of discovering an objective of truth.

Lord Halifax repeated the main points of his speech last week at Geneva.

With regard to the proposal to establish Emperor Haile Selassie in Ethiopia as an Italian puppet, Lord Halifax said that while there was no objection as far as the British Government was concerned, it was a matter for the Italian Government and Emperor Haile Selassie to decide, in the light of their interests and responsibilities.

No Reason For Conflict

"Provided we are satisfied, as we are, that Italy does not mean to use Spain to alter the status quo when the struggle is over, there is no reason why the fact that there are strong Italian views on one side should conflict with the strong views held by a large section of the British public on the other side. It should not preclude us from improving relations with Italy over the wider international field."

"By the Anglo-Italian Agreement we have made a beginning towards peace, and we are resolved to seize every opportunity to develop it."

"We would like to see removed every cause of mistrust between ourselves and Germany, a view that is shared by the mass of people of both countries."

Lord Halifax finally argued that talk about the inevitability of war was dangerous and essentially untrue.

Labour Only Critic

Lord Halifax declared that he had found in Geneva representatives of France, the Little Entente, Belgium and Poland all warmly testifying to the significance of the Anglo-Italian agreement.

No voice was raised in criticism, so the Labour Opposition in Britain was almost alone in Europe in condemning what the British Government tried to do.

Were the Opposition in Government's place it would be following a policy that would not greatly differ from that followed by the Government.

"I was Viceroy of India under a Socialist Government, when India passed through its most disturbing times, and no Government could have given any Viceroy more loyal and whole-hearted support than I received from the Labour Party," Lord Halifax said.

"I have never been tempted to think that a Socialist party with the responsibility of office would fall in duty as custodians of the wider interests of the British Commonwealth."

Lord Halifax concluded by appealing for national unity.—*Reuter.*

Initiated By Labour

London, May 18.
The debate on Foreign Affairs was initiated in the House of Lords by the Opposition Leader, Lord Snell, who moved: "In the opinion of this House, the foreign policy of the government which includes the acceptance of a sacrifice of Abyssinian independence and is detrimental to the democratic Government of Spain, offers no certainty of any compensating gain to the principles of peace and democracy."

Later Lord Brocket moved an amendment: "This House approves the foreign policy of the Government, including the proposed Anglo-Italian Agreement, and the maintenance of the policy of non-intervention in Spain, both of which this House recognises as making substantial contributions to the peace of the world without any sacrifice of democratic principles."—*British Wireless.*



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Rainfall for the last 24 hours amounted to 1.14 inches, bringing the total to date to 14.97 inches, an average of 0.62 inches per day.

report issued this morning states that a weak anti-cyclonic area has developed to the north of the Kuroshio Valley, and a depression is moving eastward along the coast. The weather continues to be very hot.

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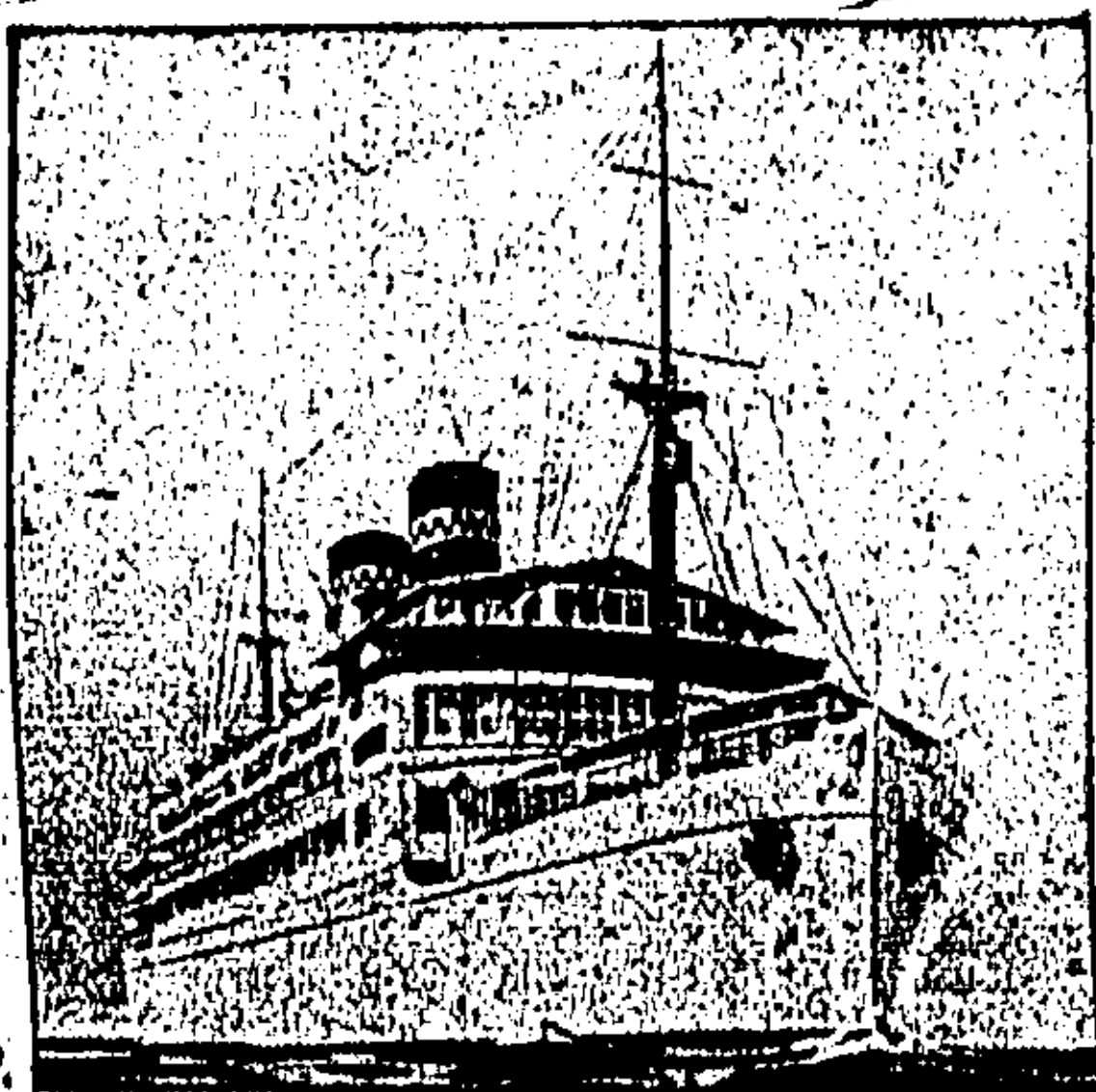
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WRONG TURNING

Yesterday was the anniversary of the first world movement for the preservation of peace. Nations met at the Hague in 1889 at the close of a century distinguished by several first class slaughters and tried to concoct some sort of scheme whereby civilisation might be preserved from such horrors as the Crimean and Franco-Prussian wars. Well within a half century these same nations were to see wars more terrible and conquests more brutal than anything over before experienced. It almost seemed that the powers of evil were stimulated by the peace-seekers. Long before the dreadful days of 1914-18, the century had echoed to the crash of guns. There had been a war in South Africa, another in the Balkans, and probably other little affairs buried under the debris of history and forgotten in the chaos which followed them so swiftly. For then came the greatest war of all, and out of the mud and blood rose the permanent peace structure of the League of Nations. And the world hoped, or pretended to, that wars would be ended. The Age of Righteousness was at hand.

To-day the League stands helpless and abandoned. In the past few years there has been a glorious spectacle of progress; scientific progress which has led to the "spraying of mustard gas" on Ethiopians, as the Bishop of Chelmsford writes. Then came the civil war in Spain, and open intervention by three powers, and as blood flowed in Europe, Japan acted in the Far East and rained bombs on cities and machine-gunned refugees, so eye-witnesses say, until all the peace-loving folk shuddered and cried their unavailing, empty protests. In the meantime a savage persecution of Jews was going on in more than one European state, and Wylie's story of their terror wrings the heart. All of these dreadful things have happened and are happening and are hated. But nothing—literally and finally nothing—has the sane, unselfish civilisation which we boast done to put a stop to the reign of evil. Well may the Bishop of Chelmsford ask if it is worth preserving.

"A panic," he writes, "closely resembling insanity, is running like an epidemic over the whole

It always takes a major mine disaster to draw public attention to the terrible risks run by mine-workers.

Then, once the first shock dies down, people cease to ask what can be done to reduce those risks.

Until we get public ownership of the mines, unnecessary risks will continue; but there are safety measures which could and should be enforced at once.

These are explained below by Mr. Will Lawther (Durham Miners' Association), vice-president of the Mineworkers' Federation of Great Britain and a member of the Trades Union Congress General Council.

STOP These AVOIDABLE

EXPLOSIONS in coal mines may be caused by many things, and many different measures are, therefore, needed if they are to be averted. But it must be evident to many people that one of the greatest causes of these all too frequent disasters is the use of explosives.

Big explosions involving heavy loss of life arouse public sympathy and concern; yet it must be added that never in the history of coal mining have there been so many small explosions as in recent years.

These would have been much larger, resulting in greater loss of life, had it not been for the excellent methods employed by mine managers to render coal dust harmless and the better and easier systems of ventilation.

Yet the question remains, why should any explosions occur?

SOME people think at once of electricity, the use of which has been considerably extended in mining, when such awful calamities take place as that in Yorkshire.

One hears anew strong views on the dangers attaching to the use of electrical machinery in mines.

There is foundation in this. Badly applied electrical transmission is a serious peril.

Let us not overlook the fact, however, that in every known case where electricity is now

used the explosions have been very small, because they have been confined to small places. I regard the use of explosives, of which little or nothing is said at these times, as a much greater source of danger. It is a well-known fact that many collieries, on the score of safety, employ no other power than compressed air for driving their underground machinery; yet these collieries also destroy this safety factor by the use of high explosives. During the last few years other means for breaking down the coal have been successfully adapted—methods by which no explosion takes place. These include a system which embodies the use of carbon dioxide. Unfortunately, the change-over to such newer methods brings us up against vested interests, the explosive manufacturers, who still tell the outside world that the use of explosives is safer. They urge us to pin our faith to high explosives. Much is said in support of these in their sheathed form. These are simply mixtures of nitro-ammonia, nitro-glycerine, sawdust and moisture in various

percentages, with an outer covering of bi-carbonate of soda, or some other mixture for killing flame. But before this mixture can be completely changed into its gaseous form at high temperatures and pressures it has to be subjected to detonation. To obtain this detonation, the cartridge is either opened or punctured with a small piece of wood. When this is done, the outside sheathing is rendered useless, because it immediately allows the interior of the cartridge to become exposed to the outer atmosphere. Defenders of high explosives become eloquent about the small amount of fumes which may be given off from carbon dioxide used in shafts. But they take particular care to make no mention of the number of men partially poisoned by the fumes from high explosives. Nor do they say anything about the deaths, attributed to pneumonia, when the victims really lose their lives through gas poisoning from the use of high explosives in narrow places where the temperatures vary from 85deg. to 92deg. Fahrenheit.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"A pretty pass we're coming to when a taxpayer can't come in to fill his fountain pen without getting a lot of sediment in the ink!"

PEG LEG FAILS DRIVER

ALAMEDA, Cal.—A driver under suspicion of being intoxicated challenged the right of two patrolmen to impose on him the test of walking in a straight line "without assistance." He insisted he was entitled to assistance because he had a wooden leg, which he had. He was jailed without the test.

VIOLIN MADE FROM PAPER

London.—Sapper Herbert Wratton, 52nd Field Company, Royal Engineers, stationed at Ismailia, Egypt, has been granted three months' special leave to come to England to patent a paper violin. Wratton made the violin in his spare time from compressed sheets of cartridge paper.



This collier is undercutting the coal face with a pick. A shot may then be fired to drive the coal down into the space which he has cleared.

Pit Deaths by WILL LAWTHER

may be percolating through from the "under-cut."

Thus it is evident that we may have an undetected explosive mixture in the run where the shot is being fired.

It is folly, therefore, to claim that the modern explosive is safe, and especially foolish to suggest that it is safer than other systems in which no explosion takes place.

ANOTHER point which must not be forgotten is this. The correct application of sheathed explosives depends upon the human element.

The carbon dioxide system was adopted in certain pits in the last two years, and the result was good from the safety point of view.

It is significant that after the use of that system was stopped three explosions took place in those pits, and it was proved conclusively that the use of high explosives, both sheathed and unsheathed, was the cause.

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SHOT-FIRING, of course, is not the only cause of explosions. They may occur from the fact that gas may be smouldering in the gob (waste material packed between the roadways) while gas—which is CH₄ (carburetted hydrogen)—is near by.

There may also be danger from large outbursts of gas from virgin areas, though these can be safely dealt with in our present mining systems.

Again, small outbursts of gas may form an explosive mixture, due to insufficient ventilation, bad roads in the various districts, and too few "spits."

A mine which is efficiently ventilated has "spits" into districts, with defined barriers left between; and this would confine explosions to small districts.

There is added peril to-day in the fact that these methods which were laid down by well-known mining engineers are becoming more or less neglected, with the new systems of extracting coal quickly by machinery.

They could, however, be put in operation again, and it should be made legally obligatory for every colliery in the kingdom to do so.

WHEN the Mineworkers' Federation gives evidence before the Royal Commission on Safety in Mines, it will have proposals to make covering a much wider field than I have touched in this article, but I want at once to draw public attention to the fact that accidents from shot-firing are avoidable, and continued failure to adopt the available measures will be nothing short of a crime.

To-day's Thought

Do not do unto others as you would they should do unto you—their tastes may be different.

—BERNARD SHAW.

CHINESE FIELD STRONG SIDE IN TENNIS LEAGUE

CIVIL SERVANTS EASILY BEATEN IN "B" DIVISION

SOUTH CHINA, HONGKONG C.C., CRAIGENGOWER ALSO WIN THEIR TIES

Though the Chinese R.C. defeated the Civil Service C.C. by eight sets to one and the South China A.A. trounced the Indian R.C. by nine to nil, best performance in the "B" Division of the Tennis League yesterday was returned by the Craigengower C.C., who visited King's Park to beat the strong Club de Recreio team by five and a half sets to three and a half.

The Portuguese have by no means a weak side in this division, but there was no doubt that the visitors had the better-blanced pairs. As expected, George Choa and Joe Leonard, who reached the semi-finals of the recent open doubles championship, gave the Happy Valley team three sets, which paved the way for victory.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R.C. had a formidable side out against the Civil Servants, and consequently won with ease. Frank Kwok, Lee Yee-wing, S. W. Liang, Choy Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen are old campaigners, who would probably earn their places in the "A" team of most other clubs.

No great importance need be attached to South China's victory of nine-nil over the Indians at Sookunpoo. The Chinese played steady tennis and little more. But the Indians were weak, and the two veterans, S. A. Ismail and J. S. A. Curreen, both of whom have been turning out for the "A" team in the past, seemed out of practice. Furthermore, they were playing together for the first time in some years.

In spite of the fact that S. A. and S. S. Hussain gave the side three sets, the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club lost to the Hongkong C. C. by 5½ sets to 3½.

The match scheduled between the Kowloon C. C. and the University was not played because of the latter being unable to field a team owing to the examinations.

Scores:
C.R.C. v. C.S.C.C.
Chinese R.C. beat C.S.C.C. 8-1.
Y. W. Lee and P. Kwok beat J. H. Pengelly and J. Agafuroff 6-2, beat J. Bendell and B. Agafuroff 6-4, beat W. Carver and P. Sloan 6-1.
S. W. Liang and D. S. Siz lost to Pengelly and Agafuroff 3-6, beat Bendell and Agafuroff 6-0, beat Carver and Sloan 6-3.
P. F. Choy and K. C. Ng beat Pengelly and Agafuroff 6-4, beat Bendell and B. Agafuroff 6-4, beat Carver and Sloan 6-3.

SOUTH CHINA v. I.R.C.
South China beat Indian Recreation Club 9-0.
H. T. Bee and H. Y. Kho beat S. A. Ismail and J. S. A. Curreen 6-4, beat A.

Australians Playing Northamptonshire

London, May 18.
Rain curtailed play in the match between Northamptonshire and the Australian cricket tourists to-day.

In a hundred minutes before lunch the Australians made 126 for no wicket. C. L. Badcock scoring 72 not out.—*Reuter.*

R. Kitchell and A. Rahmim 6-4, beat S. A. Ismail and J. S. A. Curreen 6-4.
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RECREIO v. CRAIGENGOWER

Recreio lost to Craigengower 3½-5½.
M. A. Oliveira and A. Carvalho lost to J. W. Leonard and G. Choa 6-0, lost to W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell 3-6, drew with P. H. Zimmerman and R. Choa 6-6.
F. J. Remedios and J. J. Remedios lost to Leonard and Choa 2-6, lost to Howard and Kitchell 3-6, beat Zimmerman and Choa 6-4.
L. A. L. Silva and A. M. Rodrigues lost to Leonard and Choa 4-6, beat Howard and Kitchell 6-4, beat Zimmerman and Choa 6-4.

K.I.T.C. v. H.K.C.C.

Kowloon Indian Tennis Club lost to Hongkong Cricket Club 3½-5½.
S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain beat A. C. I. Bowker and B. O'M. Dean 6-1, beat J. J. Ferguson and P. E. Storey 6-2, beat W. M. Darton and T. C. Monaghan 6-0.
Firdos Khan and M. A. Khan lost to Bowker and Dean 3-6, drew with Ferguson and Storey 6-6, lost to Darton and Monaghan 3-6.
S. H. Saleh and Gurbachan Singh lost to Bowker and Dean 4-6, lost to Ferguson and Storey 6-0, lost to Darton and Monaghan 2-6.

K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY

The game between Kowloon Cricket Club and University was postponed as examinations prevented the students from appearing.



S/Sgt. Hunt. L/Cpl. Humphries. L/Cpl. Emberson. L/Cpl. Attoo. S/Sgt. Money. L/Cpl. Yussaniz. L/Cpl. Lang. Mr. Walker.
L/Cpl. Duffield. Lt. G. Gillam. Cpl. Fisher-Cooke. Lt. Col. O. H. Gasko. L/Cpl. Ridos.
Pto. Munton. Pto. Boddling.

Latest Call-Over For Derby

London, May 18.
The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:
2/1 Pateh (t. and o)
7/1 Golden Sovereign (o)
10/1 Part Marnock (o), 100/9 (t)
100/9 Scottish Union (o)
100/9 Pound Foolish (o), 100/8 (t)
20/1 Mirza (t. and o).—*Reuter.*

EIRE DRAWS WITH CZECHS AT FOOTBALL

Prague, May 18.
In an Association football match here to-day, Eire played to a draw with Czechoslovakia, each side scoring two goals.—*Reuter.*

As I See Sport

BOWLS CHAMPIONS ALL DEFENDING THEIR TITLES

Entries Show Falling-Off From Last Year's Figures

ENTRIES received by the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association reveal that last year's champions will be defending their titles in this season's tournament. U. M. Omar has sent in his name for the singles, and with his brother "A.M." for the pairs, which they won against the Luz brothers, and the Craigengower rink of J. Soares, J. Leonard, L.C.R. Souza and C. S. Rossetti will also be competing.

Though interest in the game is keener than ever before, one is surprised to see that actually entries for

the 1938 championships are lower than last year's figures. A total of 106 entries have been received for the singles as compared with 119 in 1937 and 104 in 1936; 83 for the pairs as compared with 76 in 1937 and 59 in 1936; and 30 for the rinks as compared with 41 last year and 31 in 1936. It has been noted with regret that that grand old player, R. P. da Luz, is not taking part in the championships except in the singles; the pairs and the rinks will be the poorer by his absence. On the other hand, Bob Duncan, who was away from the Colony last year, is now with us again, and will make an attempt to repeat his success of a couple of seasons back. Other former champions in the competition are A. M. Holland, A. Hyde-Lay, L. A. Gutierrez and A. E. Coates.

Challenge Indicated?

AFTER surprising even themselves with the ease of their victory over the United Services R.C., the Indian R.C. have emerged as challengers to the supremacy of the Chinese Recreation Club in the "A" Division of the Tennis League. Whether the weakness of the U.S.R.C. players made the Indians look better than they actually are, it is difficult to say; certain it is however that they were playing very well on Tuesday, and if they produce the same form when they clash with the Chinese they will put up a good fight even if they cannot win. The problem that has been confronting the Indians for the past few seasons since the departure of C. A. L. Rumjahn for Tientsin and the untimely death of J. A. Cassumbhoy—has been to get four players good enough to give a measure of support to the Rumjahn cousins. For the last two seasons, the famous Rumjahn partnership has been split up, with no appreciable difference; in fact, in some matches this step proved to be faulty. Now Omar Rumjahn is back again to strengthen the side. If he and Sirdar can secure three sets in the majority of their matches, the Indians should not lose many of their fixtures as H. D. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar are good for two sets. To the Sookunpoo camp, the most pleasing feature of the game against the U.S.R.C. was the promising display of A. R. Minu and I. M. A. Razack, the third string pair. Both Minu and Razack are what may be called "it" players. If they are good, they are very good; if they are bad, they are simply atrocious. The success or failure of the I.R.C. challenge will depend much on the future exhibitions of this pair in the League.

Tourists' Last Game

WITH two victories and a drawn match to their credit, the Saigon football tourists are down to play their last match in the Colony this afternoon, against the Army at Causeway Bay at 5 p.m. I am sure most followers of the game will agree with me that the visitors have surpassed expectations, and can bear comparison with the best that we can produce at any time. It is unfortunate that the trip has been made at the end of the local season when most of the players

HOW KHO WON HIS FINAL AT BOURNEMOUTH

A Better Player Than Is Realised

London, May 14.
Kho Sin-kie, the 24-year-old Java-born Chinese tennis player, won his national title at Bournemouth last week when he defeated H. W. Austin (the holder), in the final of the British Hard-Court Championship, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

The Chinese adapted himself better to the prevailing conditions—a high wind made it difficult to play accurate tennis.

Austin did not find that all-important touch on which he relies from start to finish. Perhaps he was feeling the effects of his gruelling five set match of the previous day against Petra (France).

Kho, although he is not in the world's first ten players, is a very much better performer than many in this country realise.

His dipping top-spin drive, which won so many points off Austin, was just the shot to function in the wind. His spinning drop shot is a gem.

Austin is not the first leading player to fall to the wiles and guiles of Kho Sin-kie, who has been in big tennis since 1935.

His bag also includes Stefani the Italian, Schroder the Swede, the Frenchman Boussus, and our own Hare and Hughes.

BRITISH WOMEN'S GOLF TITLE

Mrs. Peel Loses In Fourth Round

London, May 18.
In the fourth round of the British Women's Golf Championship at Burnham, Somerset, Mrs. R. Peel, of Haddingtonshire, Scotland, who eliminated Miss Jessie Anderson, the title-holder, was to-day defeated by Mrs. Fletcher of Hermitage by one up.

Mrs. Holm beat Miss Diana Fishwick by four and three, and in the fifth round Mrs. Fletcher beat Miss Madeline Fyfe, runner-up in the English championship last year, by four and two.—*Reuter.*

Cricket Distinction

EDRICH achieved the distinction of the season's first century by an Englishman. He compiled 104, in a little over three hours, for the M.C.C. against Yorkshire and on this form has quickly settled down to home conditions after his tour in India.

TOM FARR RETURNING TO ENGLAND

To Appear Before Board Of Control

London, May 14.
Tommy Farr has by cable notified his solicitors that he will definitely return to England on May 9. He makes no mention of any future boxing engagements.

He is returning to appear before the Board of Control.

The facts are as follows: In 1937 Sydney Hulls applied for an injunction to stop Farr fighting in U.S.A. on the grounds that he, Farr, was under contract to meet Schmeling.

This injunction was not granted.

Last week, Mr. Hulls lodged a complaint before the Board, asking for substantial damages against Tommy Farr.

This application has been adjourned for one month to enable Farr to appear in person.

At the meeting last week, no contracts or agreements whatsoever, except the one in question, were produced, or handed round as exhibits.

The latest news is that Joe Gould, American manager of Farr, is anxious to arrange a bout for him at the National Sporting Club on or about June 8. Neusel has been mentioned as a possible opponent but when the Welshman does arrive in this country, the tendency will probably be to match him with Eddie Phillips.

The public is always discussing prospects of another meeting between the champion and the man who beat him three times before they became heavyweights.



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Baseball

GIANTS
SLIP UP
AGAINBut Yankees Win
Their Game

New York, May 18. New York Giants slipped again in the National Baseball League to-day, losing to Chicago Cubs by four runs to two. Both the Giants' runs were from homers, Ott and Moore being the hitters.

Outitting and outplaying their opponents generally, St. Louis Cardinals defeated Brooklyn Dodgers by 12-4, home runs being hit by Medwick, Owen and Gutteridge.

The closest match of the day was played between Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Braves, registering six "safeties" to the Pirates' five the Braves won by 2-1.

New York Yankees had a comfortable win in the American League against St. Louis Browns. The feature of the match was the batting of Joe DiMaggio, who hit twice for the circuit. Cleveland Indians beat Philadelphia Athletics, and Washington Senators trimmed the Detroit Tigers 5-1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	12	13	1
Brooklyn	4	6	2

(Medwick, Owen and Gutteridge homered for the Cardinals).

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	4	10	0
New York	2	4	1

(Ott and Moore homered for the Giants).

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	1	5	1
Boston	2	6	0

(Handley homered for the Pirates). The match between Cincinnati Reds and Philadelphia Phillies was postponed because of wet ground.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
New York	11	14	0
St. Louis	7	9	2

(Joe DiMaggio homered twice for the Yankees and Cliff for the Browns).

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	2	0	1
Cleveland	7	8	0

	R.	H.	E.
Washington	5	10	1
Detroit	1	6	1

(W. Ferrell homered for the Senators and Laubs for the Tigers). The Boston Red Sox v. Chicago White Sox encounter was postponed because of wet ground.—Reuter.

CONFIDENCE IN SPAAK

Brussels, May 18. The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the new Spaak Government by 132 to 38 votes.—Reuter.

PLEASING
A.D.C.
PRODUCTIONMystery-Thriller
Well Played

"Distinguished Gathering", by James Parish.—China Fleet Club.

Characters

(In order of their appearance)
Felix Montague, Nigel Waymouth, Judith Montague, Ruth Shakespeare, Blair, H. C. Macnamara, Sir Brian, H. G. Gilmore, Helen Prior, Lady Phil, William, Dorothy, Caroline Beckwith, Maurice Barton, Major "Tunny" Pearson, E. W. Hamilton, Dorinda Cawell, Beth Smith-Wright, Elliot Richard Vines, E. G. Smith-Wright, Detective-Inspector Rutherford.

The Play Produced by Charles Burton. The Hongkong A.D.C.'s catholicity in taste is well recognized, and it could never be better represented than by the contrasted offerings of the current season's offerings. Whether the latest production, "Distinguished Gathering" is as skillfully played as its immediate predecessor "French Without Tears" is bound to provoke discussion. Popular opinion will most likely find it wanting. "Distinguished Gathering" is harder to produce than "French Without Tears" because there are qualities lacking in its authorship. Mr. James Parish, striving to avoid an obvious finale, flaunts morality and bluffs an intelligently constructive Scotland Yard investigation into a strange conclusion, to provide a dramatic twist. One feels that it was a twist conceived only at the last minute by an author apparently appalled by the threat of a mundane, logical finish.

CLEVER FIRST ACT

The cleverest writing is in the first act. The plot is splendidly unfolded, and neither of the succeeding acts can approach it in dramatic composition and texture. An exhilarating pace is set, but unfortunately not maintained. The players strive manfully, even if at intervals, rather insincerely, with their complex characters. Nigel Waymouth seems to have captured the spirit of the author, and after his stimulating work in the first act, he impatiently awaits subsequent appearances. He is supremely confident in the role and certainly invests it with distinction.

GENERAL LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE

Beyond Waymouth, there is a general level of excellence by the remainder of the cast, with nobody particularly outstanding. Beth Smith-Wright makes the utmost of a "silly" role, Ruth Shakespeare runs dangerously near the border line of over-statement in a most exciting part, but without emerging with well-deserved honours while Maurice Barton gives one of the best performances of the evening. There is hardly enough of Smith-Wright; his presence on the stage is so vital, that one very much regrets his early departure.

U.S. Exports
To Hongkong
Show Sixfold
Increase

Washington, May 18. A six hundred per cent. increase in American exports to Hongkong is disclosed in figures, released by the U.S. Department of Commerce, for the first quarter of 1938. Hongkong imports of American goods in that period reached U.S.\$6,366,000, (about HK\$19,098,000), compared with U.S.\$1,811,000 (HK\$5,433,000) in the corresponding period last year.

Department of Commerce statistics for the first quarter of 1938 show that American exports to China during January, February and March totalled U.S.\$10,278,000, compared with \$14,995,000 in the corresponding period last year.

However, there were sharp gains in exports to Hongkong, through which shipments to China proper and Kwangtung were made, the increased exports to the British Colony more than offsetting the decline in exports to China.

Goods to the value of U.S.\$3,360,000, were exported to Hongkong during the first three months of the current year, compared with \$1,811,000 in the corresponding period last year, while exports to Kwangtung reached U.S.\$5,712,000, compared with \$1,532,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Exports to Japan totalled \$62,572,000, compared with \$76,322,000 in the first quarter of 1937.—United Press.

ITALIAN KING TO
VISIT BERLIN

Rome, May 18. It is authoritatively learned that Emperor Victor Emmanuel will visit Berlin at Herr Hitler's invitation. The visit probably will be made in July.—United Press.

Miss Gelson Gilmore offers an exceedingly fine study, and players will look forward to seeing him again.

H. H. Joseph carries out a rather dreary police investigation with a marked degree of ability and a proper sense of authority, but this scene is without question the weakest work of the author, and the whole dialogue suggests "padding". The cast as a whole play their parts intelligently and with enthusiasm, but the author has introduced too many characters to give them all a fair opportunity. Impressive lines are few and far between, and for the most part the characters have to depend on monosyllabic interpolations. The play has a fair amount of action and plenty of drama. The players, well schooled by enthusiastic producer Charles Burton, get the utmost from it, and it is a production well worth seeing.—S.A.G.

JAPANESE
ACTIONS
AGGRAVATE
BRITAINCompensation For
H. F. Wilkinson
May Be Demanded

London, May 18. Replying to Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher, R.N. (Retired) in the House of Commons to-night, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, described the arrest and buyoneting of the British naturalist and writer, Mr. H. F. Wilkinson, in Shanghai Hungjiao area on May 13. He told of the treatment accorded the Briton before he was released with apologies.

The British authorities in Shanghai, he said, immediately took up the matter when they heard of Mr. Wilkinson's arrest and strongly protested to the Japanese.

Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador in Tokyo, had been instructed to take up the matter with the Japanese Government.

Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher asked if it were not the case that the whole of Mr. Wilkinson's record, and he was for some time in Japan, showed he was incapable of committing any offence or engaging in activities affecting the Japanese.

And would the British Government not do more than protest and demand the proper apology and compensation in this case?

In answer to Mr. Wardlaw Milne, Mr. Butler said the position is that the Japanese Government has not formally accepted responsibility for damage caused to British property in China owing to the military operation. Consequently, it had not been possible hitherto to set up machinery for the assessment and liquidation of claims.—Reuter.

Opium Found
In Hollow Wall

Opium concealed in flower pots and a tin, and heroin pills concealed in a cooking pot, were discovered by Revenue Officers recently when they raided a house in Queen's Road Central. The man arrested, Kung Fuk, was this morning charged, on remand, before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with unlawful possession of prepared opium and heroin pills.

He was sentenced to one year's hard labour. Revenue Officer Stephens said that when the house was raided the defendant was found in it. In a bowl with 192 tins of prepared opium were found and under the earth of three flower pots on the verandah, a further 130 tins of opium were discovered. A cooking pot in the kitchen was filled with heroin pills.

EXCHANGE RATES

	May 15.	May 16.
Paris	177.21/32	177 1/2
Geneva	21.78 1/2	21 7/8
Berlin	12.70 1/2	12.37 1/2
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	94 1/2	94 1/2
Oslo	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40 1/2	19.40 1/2
Helsingfors	220 1/2	220 1/2
Brussels	29.52	29.52
Shanghai	4.90 1/2	4.90 1/2
New York	2.20 1/2	2.20 1/2
Vienna	142 1/2	142 1/2
Amsterdam	8.98	8.98
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Amsterdam	8.98 1/2	8.98 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1.10 1/2	1.10 1/2
Bombay	1.12 1/2	1.12 1/2
Montreal	1.55 1/2	1.55 1/2
Yokohama	1.12 1/2	1.12 1/2
Belgrade	217	217
Bucharest	67 1/2	67 1/2
Montevideo	20 1/2	20 1/2
Buenos Aires	19.01 1/2	19.01 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	2 1/2	2 1/2
Silver (Spot)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (forward)	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

—British Wireless.

R.A.F. Planes
CollideTwo Killed Near
Singapore

London, May 18. Two Royal Air Force machines met in a mid-air collision to-day at Seletar, in the suburbs of Singapore. Corporal Stone and Aircraftman Ashton were killed. Both were aboard one of the machines, of which the pilot, Flying Officer Frank Howard Roberts, was rescued. The occupants of the other machine escaped without injuries.—Reuter.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

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Consolidated Mines	Unquoted	
Demonstration	Unquoted	
I.C.L.	Unquoted	
Mine Operation	Unquoted	
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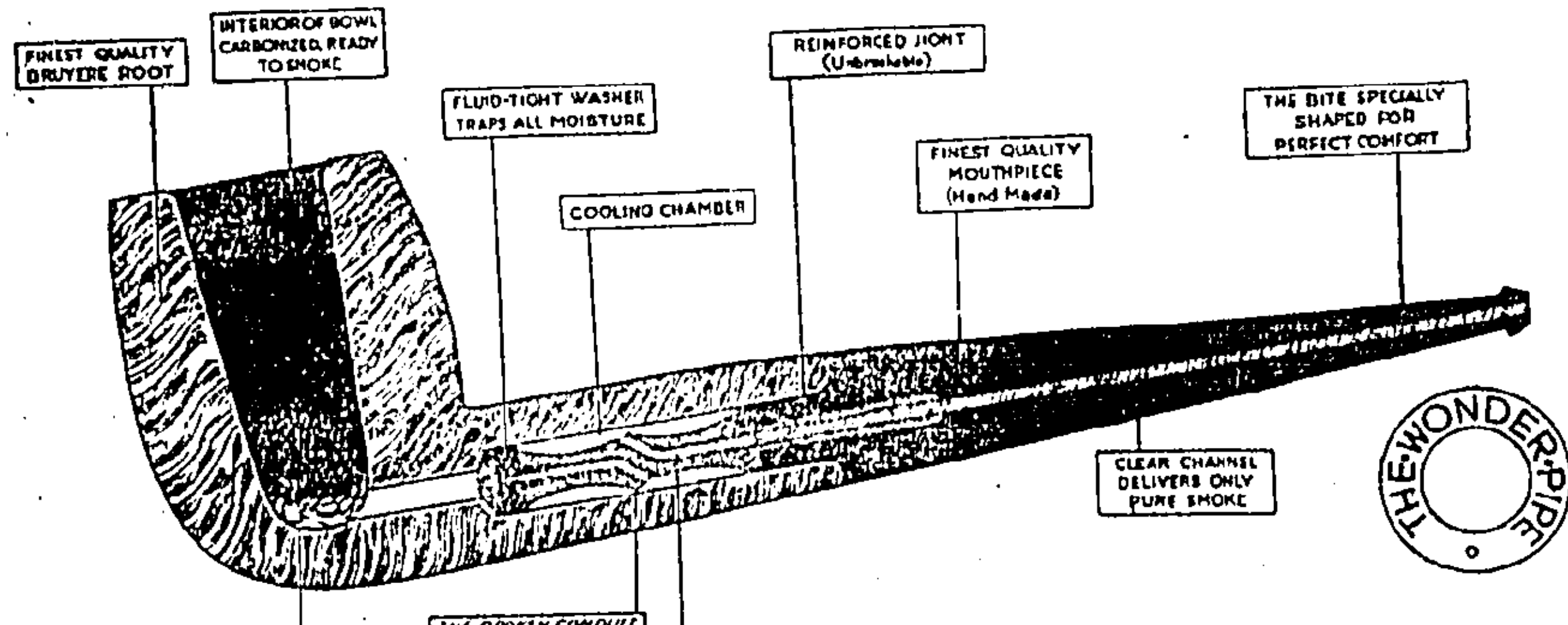
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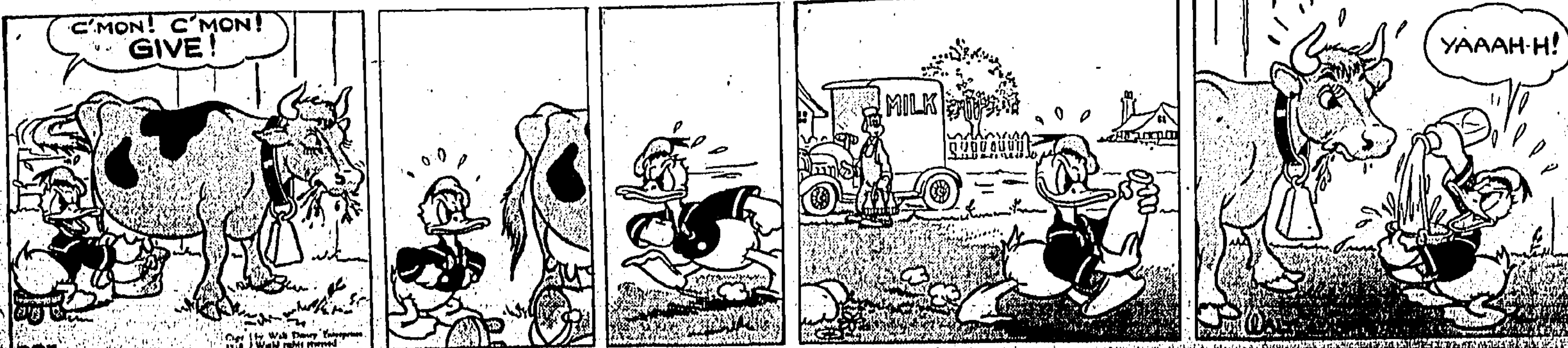
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Commons Interested In Spain

Suspicious Of Intent Of Government

The Spanish situation and negotiations recently begun at Rome between the Italian and French governments were the subject of several commons questions in the House of Commons to-day. They answered by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, and the answers in turn gave rise to a lively interchange of supplementary questions.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) asked in view of Signor Mussolini's reference at Geneva to the Spanish War, and to the Franco-Italian negotiations, for an assurance that His Majesty's Government would support the French Government in resisting Italian pressure to change the French policy towards the Spanish Government.

Mr. Butler replied: "Mr. Henderson may rest assured that the good offices of His Majesty's Government are always at the disposal of the French and Italian Governments, should they desire them with a view to expediting a settlement of the Spanish situation."

Mr. Henderson: "In view of the fact that the policies of the French Government and His Majesty's Government in relation to Spain are the same, does His Majesty's Government intend to allow the Italian Government to drive a wedge between them on this question?"

Mr. Butler: "I do not necessarily accept the interpretation Mr. Henderson puts on Signor Mussolini's speech, and I cannot therefore give the assurance he desires."

Replying to another question by Mr. P. J. Noel Baker, Labour, Member for Derby who wished to know whether he could define circumstances in which His Majesty's Government would consider a settlement of the Spanish question had been arrived at, Mr. Butler said he could not go further than a statement made by the Prime Minister on May 2.

Mr. Noel Baker: "Does the Government accept or repudiate the definition Signor Mussolini has now given, that there must be victory for General Franco before a settlement can be arrived at?"

Mr. Butler: "The Government policy is given by the Prime Minister and not by anybody else."

Answering a further supplementary question by the Opposition Leader Mr. Butler said: "The Prime Minister's refusal to define what was meant by 'settlement' stands as it did in the debate on May 2, when he said: 'It may be that later on we shall get nearer to the time when we shall be able to give a definition. That time is not yet.'"

A question by the Hon. Mr. W. Wedgwood Benn, Labour Member for Manchester, referred to the interview between the Premier and the Italian Ambassador in February and asked in what terms Mr. Chamberlain had explained the meaning of the words, "A settlement in Spain" in that conversation.

Mr. Butler replied: "The conversation between the Italian Ambassador and the Prime Minister was private and I am not prepared to answer questions as to its nature. The Right Honourable Member must not assume that the Prime Minister gave an explanation of the words cited in his question."—British Wireless.

ITALIAN ENVOY SEES HIROTA

Tokyo, May 18.
Signor Giacinto Auriti, Italian Ambassador to Japan, called on Mr. Koki Hirota, the Foreign Minister, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.
The nature of their conversation, which lasted for 40 minutes, was not divulged.—Domet.

STOP PRESS NEWS

Baby Panda Flown Here

A baby giant panda arrived in Hongkong this afternoon from Chengtu by the C.N.A.C. plane. It is en route to New York for exhibition there by the New York Zoological Society during the World Fair.

Sleepy and disinterested in its rattan bed the panda looked out on a ring of curious human faces this afternoon and continued to chew at a stick of sugar cane.

The bear-like animal was brought to Hongkong from Chengtu by Mrs. W. Petro and was handed over at Kai Tak Airport to Mr. Roy C. Spooner, who will take the animal to San Francisco on the President Cleveland, leaving Saturday.

Mr. Spooner is a member of the West China Union University. A party from that institution captured the animal some time ago and sold it to the Society in New York.

At present there are two further pandas awaiting removal from China. They are two of the four captured by Floyd Tangier, famous as "Animal" Smith.

This is the second panda to arrive in Hongkong during the past year, the other being brought here and later taken to Chicago by Mrs. Harriss. It died, however, soon after its arrival in America and at present there is only one panda in captivity outside of China.

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